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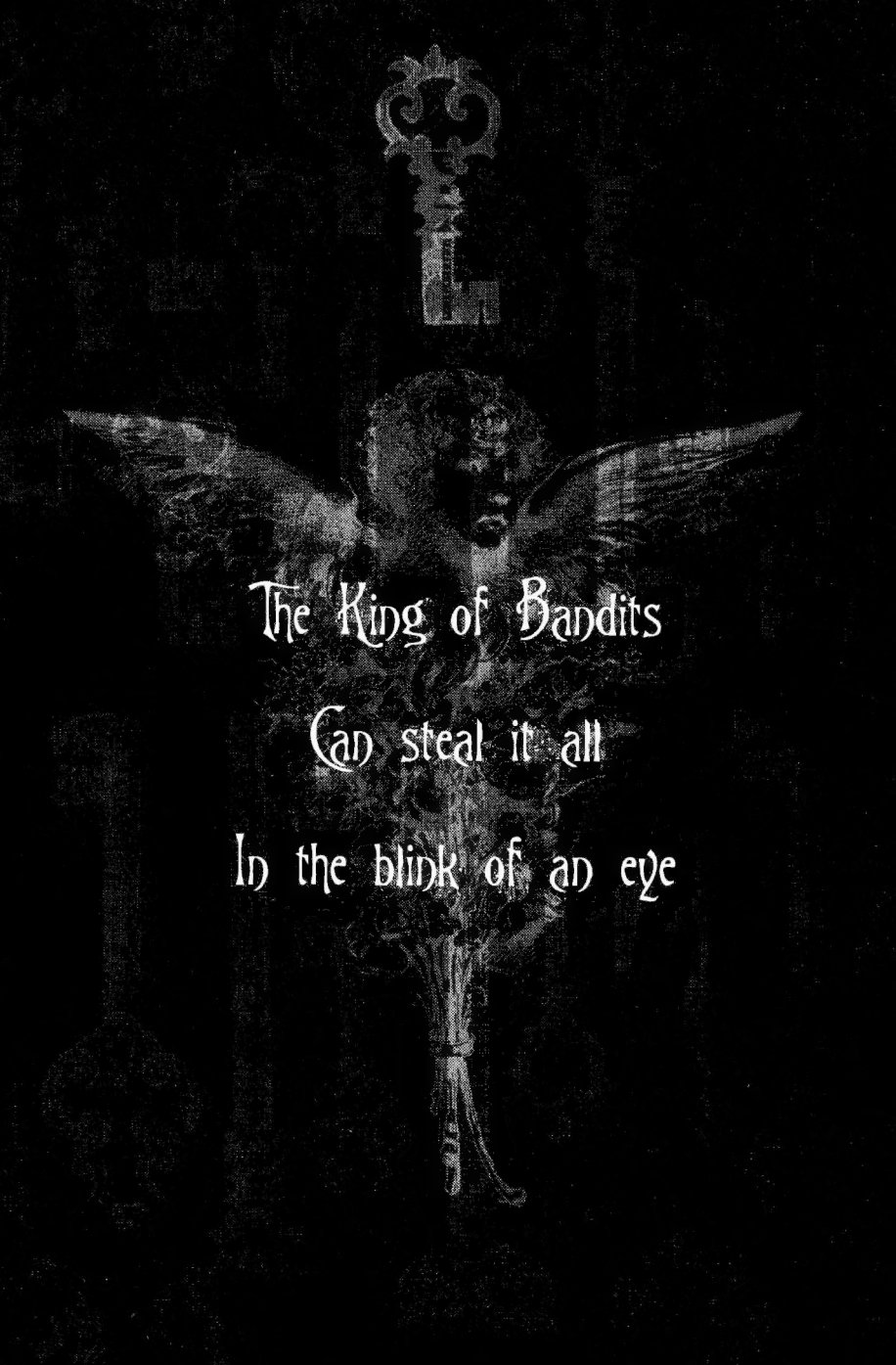
All that glitters...

Even the stars

All things precious...

Even your life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JING AND KIR

JUST BEFORE

THEY SHOOT

KIR ROYALE,

WHICH IS ONE

OF THE MOST

POWERFUL

WEAPONS

IN THE

WORLD!!!

This is the story of the King of Bandits.

Well, you could call him a thief, but certainly not a common one.

This is the story of a thief.

SAND WHALE 95

...THE CITY OF THIEEEVVESSS!

YAR! THERE SHE IS, BOYS...

WATCH OUT, KID. IT'S DANGEROUS UP THERE.

We wouldn't want an accident...

1st SHOT - THE CITY OF THIEVES

The City of Thieves

A disgraceful place where the pettiest of criminals and kingliest of kingpins flock from the four corners of the world. For what reason...they won't say. It's almost as if there's something there which draws them, like moths to the flame...

YO HO HO!

WELCOME!!

YARGH!

JING...
RUMOR HAS IT THAT THERE'S...HEH HEH...
WOMEN HERE.

OOH, KIR... TAKE A LOOK AT **HER!!!**

COOOOL... SO THIS IS THE CITY OF THIEVES.

JacKpot!

A WOMAN?!
IS SHE A CUTIE OR A BEAUTY?!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

Um... more like a mummified grandma.

OTICE

EWARE OF POCKETS

OFF 'E GOES! YOU AIN'T GONNA CATCH 'IM NOW.

OI! 'E JUST TOOK AAALLLLLL YOUR POCKET MONEY.
Stupid, ain'tcha?

HEY, KIDDO.

I FEEL SICK!

HAR HAR HAR HAR

WITH THIS.

OH, I'LL CATCH HIM, ALL RIGHT!

RIIIGHT. LOOK, DON'T KID YOURSELF, KID.

ズゴゴゴ・・・

DOGOOOOM

!!!

SEE?

KOFFF!

CURSES...!

NOW-NOW, JUST WAIT A SEC--!!

NOW, KIR. WHAT SHALL WE DO TO FINISH THIS SCOUNDREL?

UMMMMM... SHRED HIM TO PIECES

OKAY! I WAITED.

. . . .

GYAAAAAH!

EEP!

I... I WAS JIST... B-BORROWIN' THEM FROM YOU! HONEST!

WELL, OKAY. YOU CAN TAKE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE...

SO... ABOUT THOSE JEWELS.

BWAHAHAHA

AH, ME... SUCH A KIDDER.

EXCEPT...

...THIS ONE.

YEAH, WELL, WITH EARS LIKE HIS, I'M SURE HE HEARD ALL THE SAME...

YOU OKAY, JING? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE YOU.

HE'S GOT THE FACE OF A HELPLESS BRAT, BUT I'M NOT FOOLED... IT'S HIM ALL RIGHT.

I SHOULD 'AVE KNOWN HE'D TURN UP!

THE KING OF BANDITS!!

READY THE DEFENSES! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE *COMPANY.*

NO DIVING!

PART TIME HELP WANTED

CAR FREE MALL

CHOMP

ER?

EH?

WHA?

DOWN HERE.

SHOT KIL

FU

WELL, WELL. QUITE THE MAN ABOUT TOWN, AREN'T WE?

DOWN, YOU MEAN. LOOKS LIKE A HAG TO ME.

WHAT'S UP?

ACK GAN!

HAG! THAT'S NO WAY TO ADDRESS A *LADY!*

VOILÀ

... SO.

WHAT DOES MILADY WANT WITH THE LIKES OF ME?

LEMME AT 'ER, JING!

I'LL TAKE THAT HAG TO THE SKY AN' DROP HER BUT GOOD!!

THEN I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.

MY, MY! I'D THINK A BOY LIKE YOU WOULD BE PLAYING WITH FIRE COMING HERE, BUT YOU'RE ONE SMOOTH TALKER...

IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME IN THE CITY OF THIEVES?

I SUPPOSE SO. Heh Heh Heh...

CHACKY

YUP...AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HERE A LONG TIME, *MA'AM.*

GERO

EVER HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT A RIDICULOUSLY HUGE JEWEL... ABOUT THIS BIG?

THE DOUBLE MERMAID ...

...IS ITS NAME.

RIDICULOUS ?! HUGE ?!!

SO... HOW DO I FIND THIS JEWEL?

THAT'S WHERE THIS CITY GOT ITS NAME, YOU KNOW.

NO ONE KNOWS ANYTHING FOR SURE, BUT LEGEND HAS IT THIS CITY WAS BUILT AROUND THIS JEWEL OF YOURS. THIEVES COME FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN SEARCH OF IT!

Right... no more of that.

OVER MY HEAD?

TCH. IT'S OVER YOUR HEAD, BOY.

TECHNO

SO YOU'RE AFTER IT TOO, BOY?

DOESN'T SURPRISE ME. STRONGER MEN THAN YOU HAVE TRIED. 'COURSE, THEY ENDED UP **DEAD**. *ANYONE* WHO SEEKS THE DOUBLE MERMAID ENDS UP DEAD AS A DOORNAIL.

YOU SEE, MAYOR COGNAC'S A CRAFTY ONE. LIVES UP THERE, HE DOES, AND HE'S NONE TOO FOND OF TRESPASSERS. STICK YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG JUST ONCE...

gulp

...AND HE'LL CLIP IT CLEAR OFF -- TAKE YOUR WHOLE HEAD WITH IT!

T...THAT'S A BIT... SEVERE.

Does this kid have what it takes?

KREE!

KREE!

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ

YES. WAAAY OVER YOUR HEAD. IN THE LIGHTHOUSE ATOP THAT TOWER, TO BE PRECISE.

FOO... THAT DUMP?

SOUNDS LIKE FUN! I CAN'T WAIT TO CHECK IT OUT!

'AY! I'M COMING WITH!!!

WELL HE'S STRONG IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.

OH...

YO HO HO!

BU-WA!

JEWELRY

SOLD OUT

SAY... WANT AN INSIDER TIP?

BRING US YOUR WARES, WE WON'T ASK 'BOUT THE *"WHERES"*!

OI! SAY THAT AGAIN TO MY FACE!

SELL GOODS!

STOP! THIEF! NOT YOU, THE *OTHER* THIEF!

HONEY, YOU GOTTA *PAY* IF YOU WANT THAT.

I DUNNO... WHERE'RE ALL THE WOMEN AT?

THEY HAVE EVERY-THING.

ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL? A MARKET WHERE THEY ONLY SELL STOLEN GOODS...

YOU THINK?

YEAH... I HEAR SHE'S ACTUALLY A **MONSTER**. A LITTLE BUG TOLD ME.

AND THEN I ATE HIM

JING... ISN'T IT A LITTLE STRANGE HOW THAT OLD HAG KNOWS SO MUCH?

GO TO THE SALOON KNOWN AS DRAGON PAW. THE BANDIT BOSS THERE - VODKA - WILL KNOW SOMETHING.

THANK YOU, *MA'AM!!*

BAR · 酒場 · SALOON ·

DRAGON PAW

WAOOOO

!!

THIS IS THE PLACE!

YOU MIGHT WANT TO PUT ON A COAT, THERE, MISTER. YOU'LL CATCH YOUR DEATH OF COLD

SPLAT

DRAGON PAW

YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK, JING. DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY SERVE MINORS.

M2 BAND

M2 BAND

キュ…

BUT I'M GONNA DRINK... I FEEL LIKE GETTING A LITTLE TIPSY TONIGHT.

YOU'RE ALREADY FULL OF IT.

HEY.

OLD MAN, YOU'RE THE BOSS HERE, RIGHT?

YEAH, YOU'VE GOT TO BE HIM. YOU'VE GOT THE EVILEST MUG AROUND HERE.

HI

SO ANYWAY, I'M LOOKING FOR THIS JEWEL, AND I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU COULD--

AVAST, YE BILGE RAT!! D'YA KNOW WHO YER TALKIN' TO?!

...NOPE.

...AH, YES. I'VE GOT SOME PRESENTS FOR YOU GALS...

DAHH, DAT'S RIGHT. E'S THE MIGHTY VODKA. NOBODY'S EVER...

HEY HEY THERE, LITTLE BRAT!! DON'T YOU BE IRRITATIN' OUR BOSS, OR WE'LL BE *IRRITATIN'* YOU WITH A KNIFE, SEE?

I SEE...

YARGH, MAYBE THE BRAT'D BE MORE IMPRESSED IF I SHOWED HIM...

BUY US A DRINK?

I'D WEAR 'EM IF I HAD FINGERS. BUT THEY'RE BETTER SUITED TO BEAUTIFUL LADIES LIKE YOURSELVES... HEH.

GRAND, AIN'T IT?

WHISK

...THE

MIGHTY VODKA'S

PRIVATE TREASURE STOW!

BUT THERE'S STILL ONE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM YET TE BE SEEN...

SPEECHLESS ALREADY, ARE YE?

...

ERRR... I'M SURE IT WAS 'ROUND THE WISDOM TOOTH SOME-WHERES...

HEH?

YOU MEAN THIS?

OH, WELL... IT WAS WORTH A SHOT.

NOW NOW, FLATTERY WON'T GET YOU ANOTHER RING.

KIR... YOU'RE SUCH A SHARP DRESSER! WHAT A LOVELY SCARF...

HIC!

HIC!

AND I PULLED OUT YOUR DECAYED TOOTH!! NO THANKS NECESSARY.

TH... THIS BRAT'S MAKIN' A MOCKERY OF ME...

IF THIS ITEM IS AS IMPORTANT AS YOU SAY IT IS, I CAN THINK OF ONE PLACE WHERE IT'LL BE SAFE FROM ANY THIEF...

YE STUPID IDIOT! HOW CAN YE BE FIT TO THIEVE WITHOUT EVEN BEIN' ABLE TO SEE THAT?! I WERE JIST PRETENDIN' NOT TE SEE IT!!

AND DAT'S SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?

W... WHEN DIDJA STEAL DAT...? I DIN'T SEE YA...

HEEEEEH? WHERE'S THAT?

RIGHT IN HERE.

GULP

?

SPLASH

IT'S SAFE NOW, SEE? NO NEED TO THANK ME.

IT'S ALL MINE.

BOSS!!

HE... HE SWALLOWED IT.

SCHWNG

WHAT? WHAT'S EVERYONE SO TENSE ABOUT?

YA... YA LITTLE PUNK!!

I'LL KILL YAAAA !!

--EVEN I'M ABOVE THAT KIND OF THING.

HEY, I'M NOT GONNA TAKE THE JEWEL FROM THE OLD FART'S STOMACH--

SASHAA-NN

EH?! WHERE'D 'E GO?!

!?

TIME TO GET TO WORK, KIR!

ACK!

HIH

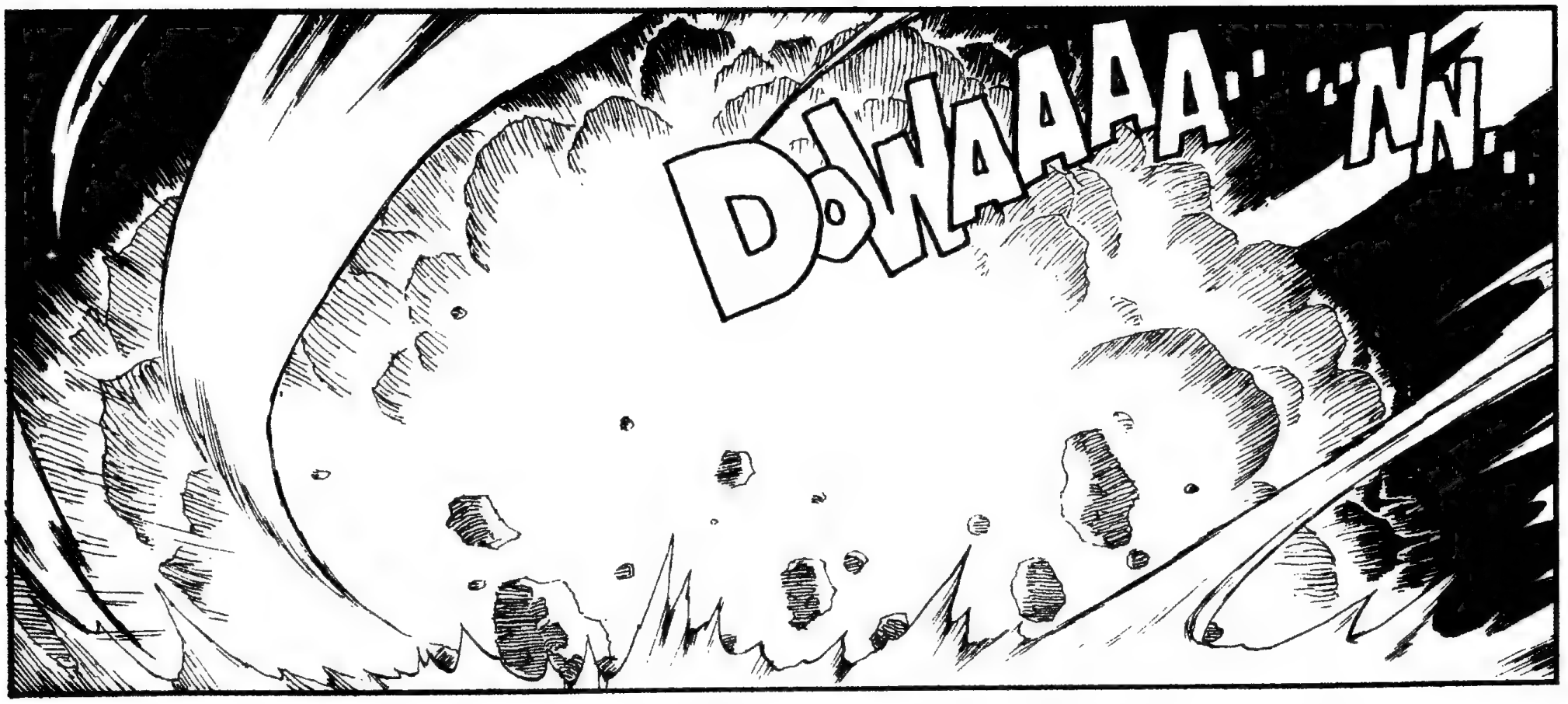
YEEEEKKK!!

BLIMEY! HE STRAPPED IT ON 'IS ARM!!

D...DA BIRD!

KIIIIRRRRR ROYAL E!!!

BOOO


D.O.WAAAA...NN...

CRASH
CRACK
RUMBLE
...BINGO.

KOFF KOFF

KCAWFF

DRAGON RAW

KOFF

KOFF

WELL, YOUR HICCUPS WENT AWAY, DIDN'T THEY?

JING— NOT WHILE I'M ENTERTAINING!! WHY I OUGHTA—

BAWSS... I SAY YOU CRUSH DAT BRAT GOOD, TEACH 'IM A LESSON!

SPLUTTER

...WH... WHAT DA...? I AIN'T NEVER SEEN A TECHNIQUE LIKE DAT BEFORE!

SO YER SAYIN' IF HE WEREN'T A MERE BRAT ...

ARE... ARE YE PROPOSIN' THAT THE MIGHTY VODKA LOWER 'IMSELF T'BATTLE WIT' THIS BRAT?

Don't mock my power like that!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT 'TIS ABOUT THIS LAD... BUT THAR'S A VOICE IN ME HEAD SAYIN' HE MAY BE MARR USEFUL TE ME THAN THESE OTHARR HOODLUMS BE.

BAH! THIS IS **UNHEARD** OF... NORMALLY, I'D'VE **SHOT** THE LOT OF YE FER BEIN' SO **USELESS.**

FROM THIS POINT FARWARD, YE'LL BE ME **FIRST MATE!!**

I LIKE THE CUT OF YOUR JIB, LAD. ARE YE HEARIN' ME?

LAD !!!

PSH

GAH HA HA HA HA HA

NEXT TIME I WON'T HOLD BACK.

HEH HEH

And so it was that various plans were constructed that night for infiltrating Cognac's tower to steal the Mermaid...

...but sure enough, the meeting dragged on for an entire week, whereupon-- with great difficulty-- the party came to a tactical consensus.

AND WHAT'S THE PLAN?

ALL RIGHT YE THEN, YE SCURVY DOGS! TREASURE AWAITS!

YA SNIVELIN'-- WEREN'T YE LISTENIN' THIS WEEK PAST? WE'RE GONNA THIEVE IT! THAT'S WHAT THIEVES DO, YA BRAINLESS BILGE RAT!

IN THAT CASE...

...WHY DON'T WE GET ON THAT THING AND FLY UP?

HUUH?

BUWAAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

M... MEH TUMMY ACHES ...

LONG TIME AGO, IT USE TUH HAVE HUGE WINGS AN' EVEN FLEW IN DA SKY. BUT IT GOT FAT... AND ITS WINGS SHRUNK...

MUNCH-MUNCH

NOW IT CAN'T EVEN RETURN T'ITS OWN LAIR!

DAT THING MAY HAVE WINGS, BUT IT SURE CAN'T FLY!

AH AH AH A

AW, YOU'RE NOT GONNA SET UP FOR THEIR PARTY... ARE YOU?

ARE YOU, JING?

WHAT ... WAS THAT?

YOU THAR-- BRAT! LEAVE THE THINKIN' TO ME. WE'LL COME BACK WIT' THE TREASURE-- YE'D BEST PREP FER OUR DRINKIN' BOUT WHEN WE RETURN!

DARN RIGHT I'M NOT!!

STAY THERE AND **ROT** FOR ALL I CARE.

I'M GONNA FIND ME A **WOMAN**!

...

KING OF BANDITS?

KING OF SITTING ON HIS BUTT IS MORE LIKE IT.

FWU...

WE'RE JUST EXPECTED TO **SIT** HERE.

SO.

YUP.

AW, KEEP YOUR BEAK ON.

HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA CARRY ON THAT **STARING** CONTEST?

VODKA AND THE OTHERS PROBABLY ALREADY **STOLE** THE **TREASURE**, AND HERE YOU ARE MAKING **DOE EYES** AT A **DINOSAUR**!

And so the day wore on...

HEY, JING!!!

DOOOOM

CRASH

THE FANKS 95

INDIAN RAPTOR 28

GAAA

CLANG

The next day...

COGNAC

6FLOOR

BRUSH BRUSH

BOSS!! IT WON'T EAT DA CAKE ON ACCOUNT IT'S BRUSHING ITS TEETH.

Sheesh, hurry up.

D'ARGH!

PING

LIGHT

SHIVER ME TIMBERS! I'VE GOT THE PLAN UVVA LIFETIME!!

NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD NO GOOD...

Huh?!

YOU MEN! TAKE OFF YER CLOTHES!!

MUST NOT BE GOOD...

WA HA HA HA HA HA...

MATCH BOOK

OH, HOW I HATE NAKED MEN... SO... A BALLOON, EH?

DO YOU THINK IT WILL HOLD?

WE'RE HEADIN' STRAIGHT FER THE TOP!!

WE'RE COMIN' FER YA, COGNAC!

THE MERMAID WILL BE MIIINE...

KA-CLICK

HMMMMMMM... SO MY LAST TRAP DIDN'T KILL HIM... I'LL GIVE THAT VODKA ONE THING-HE'S PERSISTENT.

BUT HE WON'T MAKE IT UP HERE.

THOUGHT SO... OVER-BOOKED FLIGHT.

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GYAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!!

ドドド..

ドゥドゥドゥン

YA GOOD FER NOTHIINNGG !!!!!!!!!!!!

THE WHOLE LOTTA YE...

SWABS!

SHUDDUP.

SHOULDN'T YOU SAVE YOUR ANGER FOR WHEN YOU'RE ACTUALLY UP THERE?

But...we don't get a salary...

...BLOOMIN' SALARY THIEVES!

OH, GREAT!

I FINALLY GET TO SIT AROUND WATCHIN' A WOMAN ALL DAY AND IT HAS TO BE THIS COW.

HELLO? WHAT ABOUT ME?

AND YOU... IF YER STAYIN' WITH THE NEWCOMER, YE'LL BLOODY WELL MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL! I ORDER YOU TO KEEP AN OBSERVATION DIARY OF YON OBESE ANIMAL!!

GASP

CAN'T BE HELPED. TODAY, WE WITHDRAWRR... AND REFARRM OUR PLAN.

MM

MM

MM

HEY, OLD TIMER, ARE YOU AND THE BOYS GOING HOME?

YUP, SURE ARE.

YUP

HEY, JING, LET'S GO HOME TOO.

HEY!

THIS TOWER SURE ARN'T LETTIN' US IN TODAY.

PLONK

AND HE CALLS HIMSELF THE KING OF BANDITS.

JEEEEEZ. YOU'RE HOPE-LESS, AREN'T YOU?

WAAH?

ALL RIGHT!!!

ADADA

HEY-- WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!

TAKE THIS AND FLY TO THE TOP!!

KIR!!!!!!

WHA ?!

HUH ?!

YIKES-WHOOAA!

CATCH!!

!? ? ? !? ? !? ? !?

DON'T YOU BE TOUCHIN' MY BABY!

...MY...! ...MY!! ...EGG...

C'MON, LET'S GO!!

What daaa --?!!!

WHAA!

DIE

GIVE IT BAAAAACK !!!!

I CAN'T BLOODY BELIEVE IT!

...FLEW!!

IT...

EH? WHAT'S THAT SAP VODKA UP TO THIS TIME?

!!

AHHH! THAT'S NOT VODKA!!

SO, KING OF BANDITS... YOU DECIDED TO COME ROUND, AFTER ALL. NO MATTER...

EAT THIS !!!!!!!!

CLOOONK

HYAAAAAH!!!

OH, GREAT!

I'M GONNA REMEMBER THIS, JING!!

GAN!!

BONK

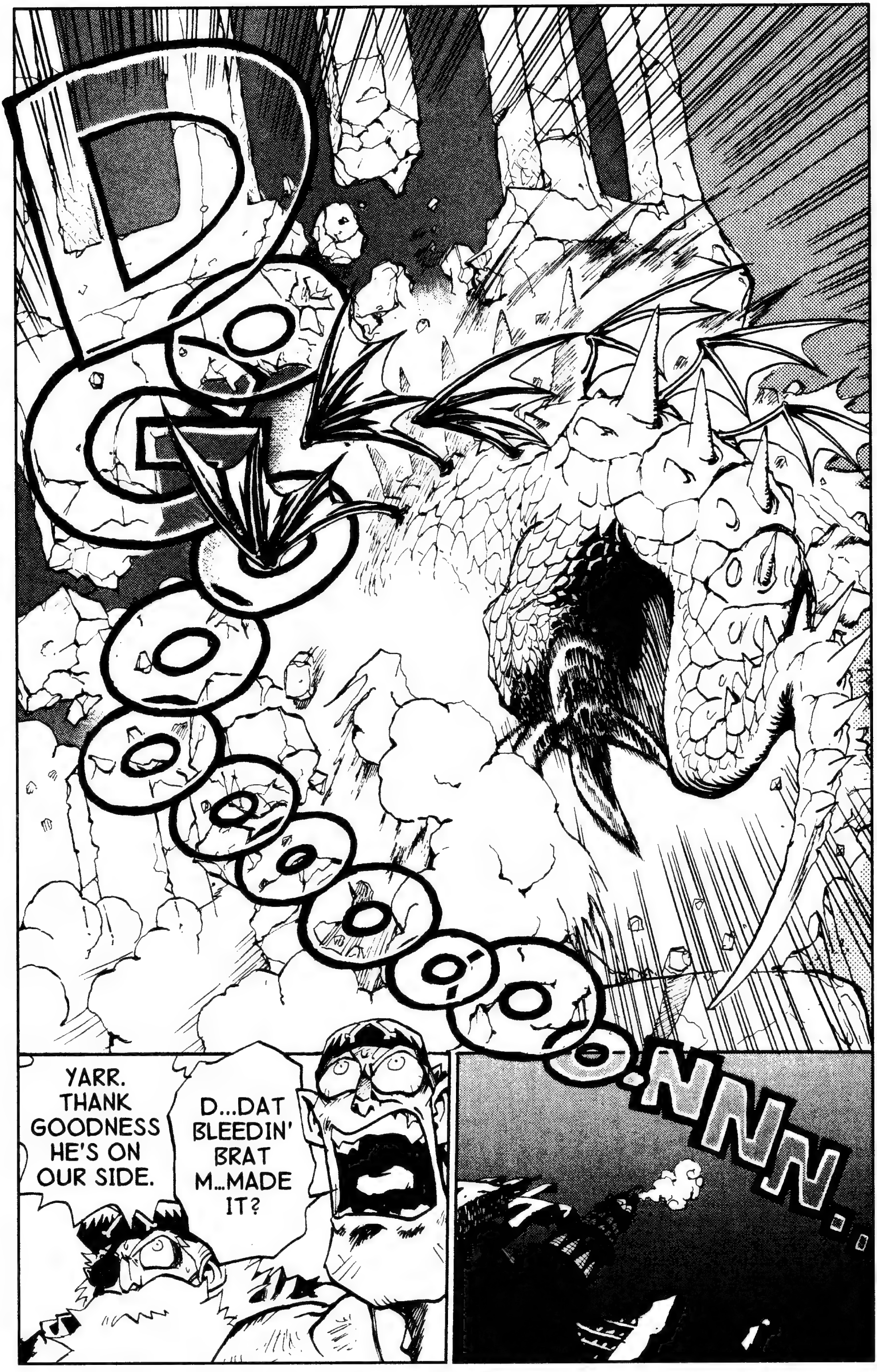
DROP

CHARGE !!!

FWIP

GRRRR...

Mind if I dig in?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BINGO!!

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SORRY 'BOUT THAT... HERE'S YOUR BABY BACK, SAFE AND SOUND. NO HARM DONE, RIGHT?

WHEEZE!

WHOA... LOOK AT ALL THESE CANDLES. THIS MUST BE THE SOURCE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE.

AND I'LL WAGER THAT IN THE CENTER...

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ゴゴゴ

...IS THE DOUBLE MERMAID.

MINE FOR THE TAKING.

...THAT SAID THEY ACTUALLY WERE CRYSTALLIZED CREATURES. BUT IF IT'S A DOUBLE MERMAID... WHERE'S THE OTHER ONE?

...SO IT'S TRUE. I'D HEARD AN OLD TALE ABOUT THE DOUBLE MERMAID...

WELL, WELL. I SEE YOU'VE FOUND MY TREASURE. DO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?

COME NOW, TELL ME. ISN'T SHE POSITIVELY RADIANT?

ゴオオオオオ

!?

COME, HYAKUME, MY 100-EYED MONSTER!

PACHIN

YOU'RE VERY CLEVER... USING A MOTHER'S LOVE FOR A CHILD TO HITCH A RIDE UP HERE. YOU KNOW, THAT COULD BE CALLED "KIDNAPPING" IN SOME CIRCLES.

DON

DON

WELL, ACTUALLY I ONLY HAVE NINE EYES...

SOME MIGHT EVEN CALL IT AN OFFENSE WORTHY OF DEATH!!

QUICKLY... RUN!!

ER... CHILDREN SHOULDN'T TALK BACK TO ADULTS.

HYAKUME!! BEAT HIM WITHIN AN INCH OF THREE PAGES!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! AREN'T YOU A KIDNAPPER YOURSELF?!

YES, SIR.

HERE I GOOOOO...

SHNK

DIE!!

DIE!!

DIE A HORRIBLE DEATH!!!

GRIN

DOKAA...

!!!

!!

GOOD, GOOD! YOU SHOW 'IM, HYAKUME!

HUHU... AT THIS RATE, I WON'T EVEN NEED TWO PAGES!

AA
AAA
HHH
HH
IIIIII

MY HANDS FELL OFF!!

ARM!!

PEH.

NINE EYES, HUH? WHAT ARE THEY FOR... LOOKS?

?

...THAT MAKE ME A MONSTER!

IT ISN'T JUST MY EYE-BALLS...

BLAM

YOU'RE DEAD NOW!!

I'VE MORE THAN A FEW OTHER TRICKS UP MY SLEEVES!

KIIIIR ROYALE!

I'M AFRAID, ALL RIGHT.

OOH...

WHAT'S WRONG, LITTLE MAN? AFRAID OF WHAT YOU SEE?!

...IN ONE SHOT!!

AFRAID I'M GONNA HAFTA TAKE THOSE ARMS OFF...

BY ONE SHOT, DID YOU MEAN LIKE A ONE-SHOT PERFORMANCE?

'CAUSE I CAN'T SAY IT WAS THAT GREAT.

WHAT THE--?! I CAN'T SHOOT!

!?

IS||||||||||LENCE...!

キロル

TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T FORGET. SINCE YOU MADE ME SUFFER BEFORE... I'M NOT GONNA SHOOT FOR YOU EEEEVER AGAIN.

GRRRRRRRRRR...

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, KIR!!

GET READY--- THE NEXT PANEL WILL BE YOUR LAAAASST!!!

QUICK, KIR-- OPEN YOUR MOUTH!!

NO.

NOW, KIR... WHEN I SAY OPEN, YOU OPEN!!!!

HMPH.

OH... HEY, KIR! THERE'S AN AMAZINGLY BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE. UNSURPASSED... KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

THIS KIND.

YEAH, RIGHT. WHAT KIND OF BEAUTIFUL WOMAN HANGS OUT IN A DUMP LIKE THIS?

UGGGH !!!!

OH...

...

WHAT DO YOU THINK, KIR?

!!!

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...NOT GOOD.

ゴゴゴ

...AS...A... STEPPING... STOOONE...!

WELL, OF ALL THE NERVE... USING A PERSON'S HEAD...

...A THING--OR TWO--OR NINE!!

NOW I'M GONNA SHOW YOU...

KIIIIR ROYALE !!!!!!

GAOOOOOOOOO

GUUUU OOOO...

GAGAGAGAGA!!

ZUZUZU

UUNN

HYA...
HYAKUME WAS...
BLOWN TO
SMITHEREEEEENS!!

FEHHHH

DON'T WORRY, CUTIE PIE! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF THOSE CHAINS REAL SOON!!

YOW!

EMERGENCY EXIT!!

EEEEEEEEEEK!!

DADADADADADA

AND I'LL GO AFTER THE GUY WHO PUT THOSE CHAINS ON YOU...

YARR!

WELL DONE, ME BUCKO!!!

SQUISH

GOOD TIMING ...

Hey!

M... ME?

!

... MOTHER ?!

EH?

!!?

...A MOTHER AND CHILD...

THEN, THE DOUBLE ...

THANK YOU SO MUCH, LAD!!

I KNEW IF ANYONE COULD SAVE MY DAUGHTER... IT WAS YOU.

CIDRE...

OH, MOTHER!!

I KNEW YOU'D STEAL BACK... MY MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE...

TWO MOTHER AND CHILD REUNIONS. IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THIS THAT MAKE ME PROUD TO BE A THIEF.

MOM...

WELL I PREFER THE DAUGHTER MYSELF BUT

WHAT A GOOD MOM...

HMNH... I GUESS I JUST GET THIS.

HEY I AIN'T COMPLAININ THE DAUGHTER'S ENOUGH FOR ME

WHA?!!

BELAY YER NOISE! I'M IN THE MIDST OF BEIN' DEEPLY MOVED HERE!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON, BUT I'M SO HAPPY, SO HAPPY.

WAIT A SECOND! NOW I RECONNIZE DAT GUY! HE'S DA KING OF BANDITS! DONCHA REMEMBER DAT STORY 'BOUT DA LIVIN' DESCENDANT OF A LEGENDARY FAMILY, WHO CAN EVEN STEAL STARS AN' SUCH?

THIS... WHELP... THE KING OF BANDITS?

IT... IT CAN'T BE.

JINGLE!

YOU DID HEAR ME SAY I PREFERRED THE DAUGHTER, RIGHT?

C'MON, KIR! IF WE SELL THESE OFF QUICKLY, WE CAN GET SOMETHING TO EAT!!

ZAZAAAA··NN
ZAZAAA··NN

UH... SHOULDN'T WE MAYBE HEAD BACK? T-THEY SAY THE PHANTOM SHIP A-P-PEARS AROUND NOW...

WHAT?! IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR LAZINESS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO FISH TO GET ENOUGH TO EAT! I'M NOT TURNING BACK NOW!

TUG TUG

THOUGH IT MUST BE SAID, I AM HIGH IN CALCIUM...

OOH! I GOT ONE, I GOT ONE!

PUHAAAA!

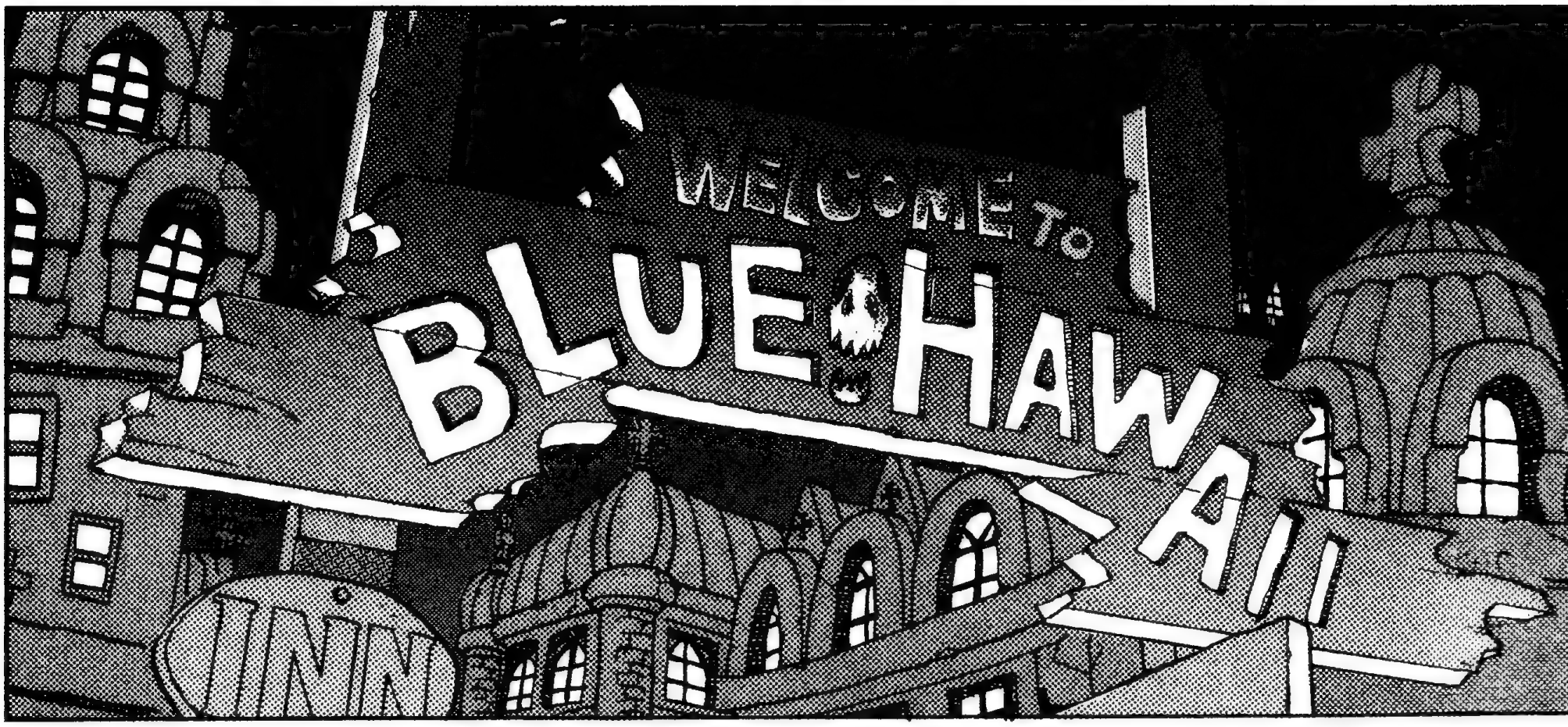
CHU?

OI, LADY— JUST 'CAUSE YOU CAUGHT ME DON'T MEAN I'M FIT TO EAT!

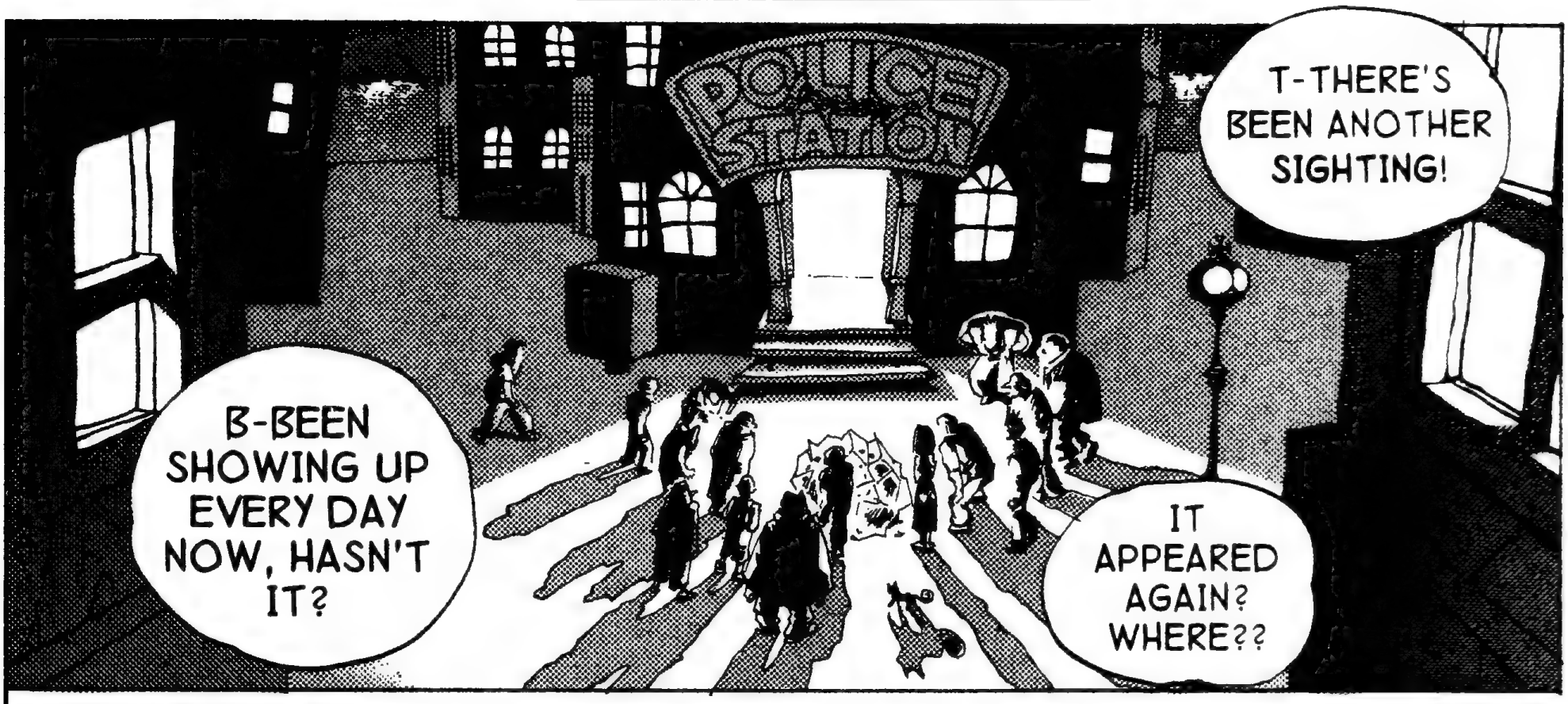
KE KE KE KE

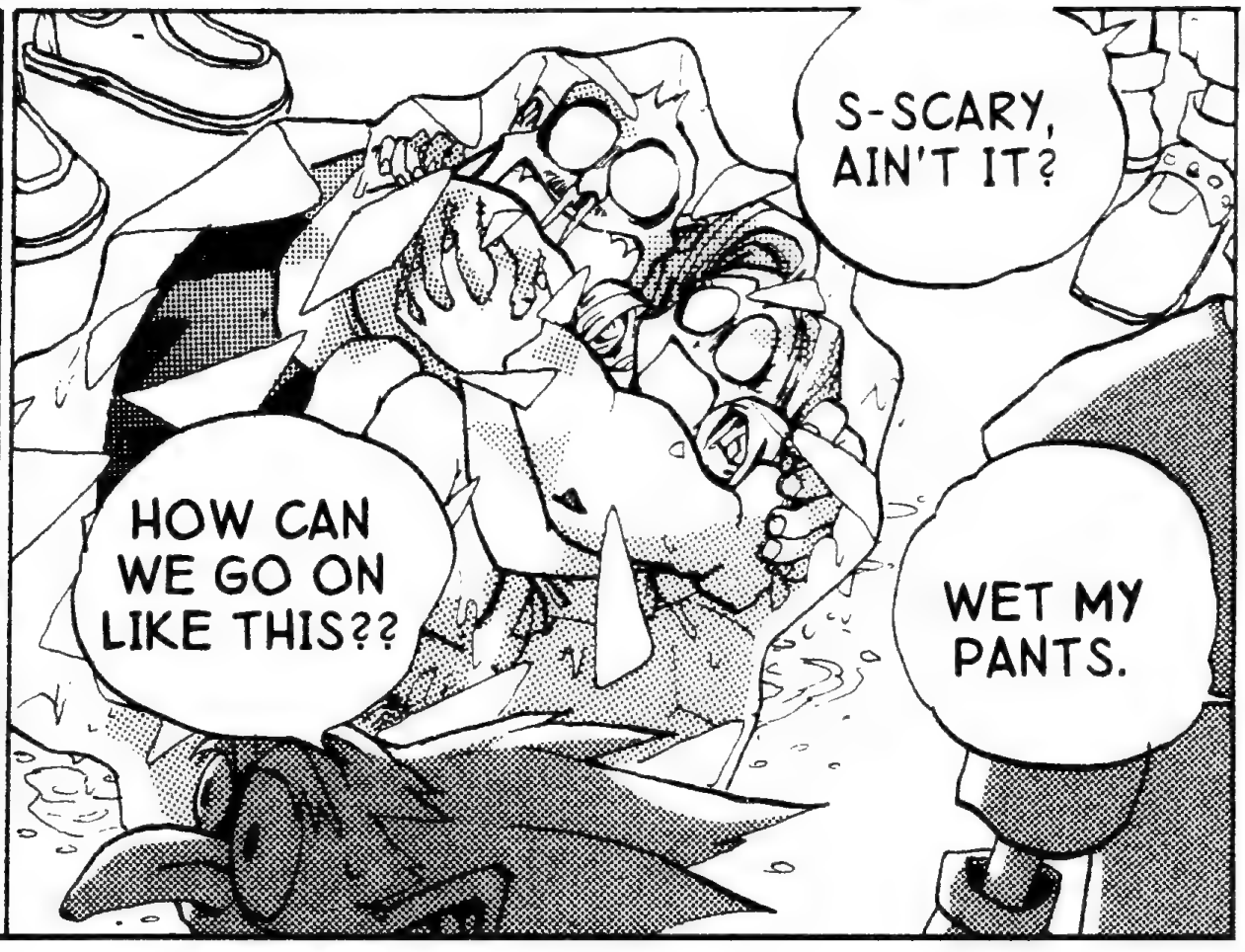
THE PHANTOM SHIP OF BLUE HAWAII

2nd SHOT - The Mystery of the Phantom Ship



Blue Hawaii –
A cozy town in the north...
or it had been at one time...





IT'S THE PHANTOM SHIP! THE PHANTOM SHIP!!

W-WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT??

YEAH, WHAT KIND OF APPEARANCE? A SEXY ONE?

PHANTOM SHIP, EH?

OHHH, I'M AFEARED!! LATELY IT'S SHOWED UP NEARLY EVERY DAY ...

I WOULDN'T WORRY TOO MUCH YOU'RE QUITE A FRIGHT YOURSELF

...AND I'VE A WEAK HEART... 'SPECIALLY WHERE **GHOSTS** ARE CONCERNED... O..AND, UH, SHIPS.

RIGHT, PEOPLE, MOVE ALONG! NOTHING TO SEE HERE!

BANG! BANG!

Waah!

Eaagh!

Aaagh!

WAIT... DO YOU SMELL WHAT I SMELL, KIR?

I DO... INDEED I DO.

SHE DID APPEAR... AND IF SHE AIN'T A PHANTOM, SHE'S **DEAD** SEXY!!!

POLICE STATION

EH?

HEY, GOT **EARS**?! I SAID, MOVE ALONG!!

THAT MEANS **BEAT IT.**

NOW, NOW... A **BEAUTY** LIKE YOU, TELLING **ME** I SHOULD GO HOME **WITHOUT** HER COMPANY? DOESN'T THAT SEEM A BIT OF A WASTE?

GAG ME.

WELL... IT ALWAYS SHOWS UP AT THE CAPE BEYOND THAT POINT. BUT LET ME TELL YOU, IT AIN'T AS SIMPLE AS GOING THERE AND **CATCHING** IT! I'VE HAD MY HANDS FULL TRYING. SINCE IT STARTED APPEARING EVERY DAY, I'VE BARELY HAD A CHANCE TO SLEEP - **THAT'LL** TAKE A TOLL ON A GIRL'S SKIN! NOT THAT I CAN'T **HANDLE** IT... I'VE JUST RUN INTO SOME **DIFFICULTIES**, SEEING AS IT'S A **PHANTOM** AND ALL...

THE HONOR'S ALL MINE, I'M SURE ACTUALLY, I'M KIR

THIS IS MY **SIDEKICK** JING

REALLY...? A BEAUTY, AM I?

Such an honest bird.

...RIGHT. SO COULD YOU TELL US WHERE EXACTLY THIS PHANTOM SHIP APPEARED?

W... **WHY**, YOU ASK?

WAAAIT A MINUTE... WHAT'S WITH THE QUESTIONS, SHERLOCK? WHY DO YOU WANNA KNOW SO MUCH?

RIGHT, I'M ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE! ...NAME?

POLICE

KIR THE INVINCIBLE!!

YEAH YEAH, I'VE GOT YOURS...

Uh, aren't you a kid yourself?

YEAAHHH... SOMETHING'S DEFINITELY FISHY ABOUT YOU.

Like, what would a kid like you be doing up at this hour?

HEY, I'M THE ONE WHO'S FISHY, DOLL... CARE TO EXAMINE ME FURTHER?

THIEF.

RIGHT, "JING." OCCUPATION?

JING, HUH.

YOU - THE JUVENILE DELINQUENT. NAME?

Waaait a minute...

T-H-I-E-F--

JING.

BA BA BANG

S-STOP THIIEEF !!! H-HANDS UP !!!

THINK ABOUT IT. I HAVEN'T ACTUALLY STOLEN ANYTHING.

L...LEGGD MY NECK, JING...

NOW, HOLD ON... CAREFUL WHERE YOU POINT THAT THING! GUNS ARE NO LAUGHING MATTER!!

POLICE STATION

PAPAAAA !!!

A THIEF-- A THIEF HAS COME TO TURN HIMSELF IN!!

MAYBE.

BUT... YOU WILL LATER, RIGHT?

GREAT! MAYBE, HE SAYS.

A THIEF? C-COULD'JA ASK 'IM TO C-COME BACK DURING B-BUSINESS HOURS?

WAAAHH! WHO- WHAT- WHERE??

...BECOMES SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM AFTER SUNDOWN ?!!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! ARE YOU SAYING THAT OUR MISSION TO PROTECT PEACE, JUSTICE AND THE BLUE HAWAII WAY...

HAHAHA

WHAT'S WITH THE NAMBY-PAMBY ACT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

SHOW A LITTLE BACKBONE, GRAMPS!!

Oh...er... sorry, luv. I-it's just that...it... th-the ship appeared.

OH, GAWD. DON'T COME, DON'T COME...

HEY! H-HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOU - SUSPECT!! YOU'RE STILL IN MY CUSTODY - AND YOU'LL STAY THAT WAY 'TIL I CATCH YOU IN THE ACT!!

I DON'T WANNA HEAR YOUR EXCUSES! THIS FAMILY'S HONOR IS SHOT BECAUSE OF YOU!!

WHAT?! ANY PROBLEM WITH ME COMING ALONG, SHIFTY?!

YEAH! KOME WITH, DOLL!

If you need any help shootin' him...

UH... NOOOPE.

HOLY

WELL... I'LL JUST BE GOING THEN!

SQUEAk

HEEEEEH... WELL, THIS DEFINITELY LOOKS LIKE A PLACE A PHANTOM SHIP WOULD HIDE.

IT AIN'T NO LOVER'S LANE, THAT'S FOR SURE.

Y-YEAH... COULD YOU J-JUST F-FIND SOMETHING TO STEAL, SO I CAN ARR-ARREST YOU AND GO HOME?

HOLY@ ANGEL©

CHINk

...

WHAT?! ...YOU SCARED ME!

EH?!

SHH!!

POLICE POSE

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GLUCK GLUCK...

COME & GO U-O-1000

I'M DEAD...
I'M DEAD...

The zombie, it's the zombie!!

T-T-TH TH-TH-THAT'S IT--!

♪ I CRUSH ♪ YOUR HEAD!

SAFE

WAIT! MAYBE OUR ZOMBIE FRIEND CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE PHANTOM SHIP'S WHERE-ABOUTS!

WHAT ?!!

ALTHOUGH SPEAKING OF BOATS, THIS ONE IS PRETTY SWEET.

FEAR NOT, FAIR MAID. I, KIR, WILL PROTECT YOU... WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT HERE, REMEMBER?

SOMEHOW YOUR GALLANTRY IS LESS THAN COMFORTING ...

H-HEY!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?!!

!!?

UUUU

AT THE RIVER STYX!!!

THE PHANTOM SHIIIIIIIIP...

...IS ANCHO-OOOO-OORR-ED.

ULP

NOT QUITE WHAT I WAS GOING FOR.

JUST THE LOCATION, FRIEND. NO COMPLETE SENTENCES REQUIRED.

CRACKLE

KRRR

BOOOOM!!

AAAAGHHH!

KIR AND ROSÉ WERE OVER THERE!

Hope they're... okay...

PHEW, GOOD TO SEE THE TWO OF YOU... SAFE.

. . . . . .

ACK

ACK

DWWW... JEEEEZZ

GRRRR

HYAW!!

DOGAN DOGAN

O-HO-HOOOO!!

HEY, DON'T DRAW FIRE OVER HERE!!

SORRY, ROSÉ. MUCH AS I HATE TO DO THIS... I SHOULD HAVE DONE IT A WHILE AGO.

YEAH, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?!

A LITTLE CONSIDERATION FOR THE COUPLE, PLEASE.

CAREFUL- MY ASSOCIATE USES RAYBEAMS WHEN HE'S DRUNK!!

crack
crack
crack
HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR DATE, KIR. BUT DUTY CALLS!
GASP!
BANG
BANG
BANG
KYAAHHH!! TAKE THAT! AND THAT!
IF THERE'S A LAW AGAINST PULVERIZING A MONSTER...
!?
...I'LL WORRY ABOUT IT LATER!!!

HAH

AAAA

Should've thought of that first, eh?

YOU'D THINK DEATH WOULD COME EASY THE SECOND TIME, BUT NOOO!

HHH

CRACKLE

CLINK-CLINK

WHOA! HE WAS NOTHING BUT A BIG PIGGY BANK! TRANSPORTING MONEY FROM THE PHANTOM SHIP, BY THE LOOKS OF IT.

HOW'RE WE GOING TO RIDE THAT?! IT'S HUGE!!

Not to mention, we're all pretty small as people and birds go.

WE CAN TAKE THIS. ALL ABOARD!

B-BUT... WHY WOULD A PHANTOM SHIP BE HAULING AROUND SUCH BIG MONEY??

DUNNO... LET'S FIND OUT, SHALL WE?

SIZE ISN'T EVERYTHING. I PLAN ON USING MY HEAD.

JEEZ, DOES IT REALLY TAKE THAT MUCH EXERTION?

SHUT UP AND STEER, WOMAN!

HEERRRE WE GOOO!

LOOK, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF COMMITTING A BIG CRIME. WOULD YOU MIND NOT ARRESTING ME UNTIL I'M DONE?!

HEY, WHY DO I HAVE TO GET ON THE BOAT, ANYWAY?!!

UGGH ...

RRRG GHHH

AAA AAAA AH

Might help... if you... calmed... down...

AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, WOULD YOU MIND LOSING SOME WEIGHT AROUND THE LEG REGION?!

I can't breathe!

N-NOT UNTIL YOU P-PEDAL PROPERLY SO I DON'T T-TOPPLE OVER! SEEEEE--!! I'M TOOPPLIIIING!!

SMELL THAT, JING? THE SWEET SCENT OF TREASURE...

EEK!

ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE'RE PREPARED FOR ANY PHANTOM THAT COMES OUR WAY.

QUACK QUACK

IT'S SHOW TIME...

Wooooo...

LOOKS PRETTY SECURITY-MINIMAL... I DON'T SEE ANYONE FROM THE GHOST-GUARD.

THE GUARDS COULD BE INVISIBLE, KIR! DON'T LET DOWN YOUR GUARD!

WOULDN'T MIND MEETING A FEW LOST **FEMALE** SOULS, THOUGH... A DATE IN THIS LIFETIME WOULDN'T HURT, EVEN IF SHE'S IN THE NEXT

ZZZZZZZ

NAH... I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN MY **UNFAILING** ABILITY TO SENSE ANYTHING THAT MOVES.

UH, SPEAKING OF MOVING, JING IF I WASN'T COMPLETELY **SANE**, I'D SAY THAT ANCHOR IS **SNORING**...

AN ANCHOR...!

WHAAAT ??!

... THAT SNORES?

That crow ain't bad lookin' neither!

Oh... would'ja lookit that scrumptious bird!

ZZZ

I'M GONNA EAT YOU UP.

SHNK

OOOOHH! COME AND GET IT!!

THWAP

TO DO WHAT HE DOES BEST... BEING THE BAIT.

THWAP

THWAP

AND WHEN YOU'RE ALLLL FULL, WHY NOT TAKE A NAP?

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HUNGRY, TRY SOME OF THESE ROCKS!!

HMPH.

guh guh
guh guh

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO SLEEP!!
WITH THE FISHES THAT IS!

JING
...

BLUB-BLUB-BLUB

cough

A ba ba ba ba

ヒューン...

ヒューン...

JIIIIING!!

OOOH! NIIICE... PIPES.

COME & GO U-O-1000

GAAAAHHH!!

WHAT?!!

AAAAH

!!

GAK-TOOEY! ...SWALLOWED SOME SALTWATER.

OH! MMMM...

COME & GO U-O-1000

WHAT?! GO AWAY IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL!!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CALLED FOR ME..!

COME & GO U-O-1000

-?

HEY!

SEE THOSE BAGS OVER THERE? THROW 'EM TO ME!!!

FWAAAA

I NEED 'EM TO BREATHE IF I'M GONNA FIGHT IN THE WATER!! EMPTY 'EM AND PASS 'EM OVER!!

YOU'RE GONNA DRINK AT A TIME LIKE THIS?! YOU ARE A MINOR, Y'KNOW!!

BUT... THEY'RE ALCOHOL !

ALCOHOLIC!!

SAKE IS THE BEST OF ALL MEDICINES

NOW... LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED !!

AHH... THE MAIN DISH IS SERVED!!

BGUN

OH-OH-OH!!!

DDDDDDD

UH-OH... LOOKS LIKE THE PARTY'S OVER!!

BLUB-BLUUUUUB

!!?

MOVES PRETTY WELL FOR A PIECE OF SCRAP IRON... *WHY* IS *THAT?*

GAH!

WHAT ??!!

MY BLADE'S USELESS!!

HEEEEE HE HE HE HE HE HE HE HE

QUICK! PASS ME MORE BAGS!

!?

ALL RIGHT! YOUR TURN, KIR!!

Whaaaaaaaat?!

I'm beein good. Preeepared a lotta baaaaagszz...

BANG!

GLUG GLUG GLUG

ALCOHOLIC!!

J-JING. 'FRAID WE GOT ANOTHER MONSTER OVER HERE

COME & GO U-D-1000

Hey... 'least it dinnt go ta waste.

I SAID EMPTY, NOT DRINK!!

HERE

...yrr pardnrr'sz callnn'!!!

Rightt, birrdt...

AAAAIIIEE

CRASH

That wind bag won't save you, little one.

OKAY, KIR. YOU HOLD SOME BAGS, TOO!!

HEY, I'M A CROW, REMEMBER? CROWS DON'T DO WATER.

You'll run out of breath soon enough!!

TUG

ANCHOR AT SIX O'CLOCK!!

HEY, JING!!

THAT'S IT!

KIR ROYALE!!

WAAAAH!!!!

KWAAH!

DOGOGOGOOO

ドオオオオオン

COUGH

COUGH

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?

HO HO HO!

!?

AIR BREAK!

…

SUUUUCK

ALCOHOL

K...KIR ROYALE'S NOT WORKING ON IT...

JINNGG! IT'S COMING!!!

BLEECCHH

WHAT THE-- THIS STILL HAS BOOZE IN IT!

DOOOOOM!!

WAHAHAHA!! WHAT WERE YOU AIMING FOR?

ARE YOU DRUNK, JING?! WAKE UP ALREADY!!

SHUT UP.

K...KIRR, 'RE YOU THERE?

!!?

WONDERFUL.... WE'RE GONNA BE EATEN... BY AN ANCHOR.

GAW!

!!?

BUDDA-BUDDA

Hehehehehee! Aiming at the chains, boy?! I'm afraid you underestimate--

ミシミシ

HOT!

SO WHAT IF IT DOESN'T BREAK? BET YOU CAN'T GRIP IT!

WAIT... WHAT THE...? BODY... NOT WOOOORKING...

RATTLE TLE- TLE TLE-

Ack!! Oh, jeez!!!

I'D SAY SOMETHING COOL TOO - BUT - GASP - !!

THERE-- SUNK, LIKE AN ANCHOR SHOULD BE!!

A HA HA HA HA HA HAAA!

BWO WO BWO BWO

ZUZUZUZU

EH?

ガバッ

FOO.

M-my partner... my... solid, steady p-partner...

Thank you, Jing!! Thanksz for yer s'pport!

Oooooha ha ha ha, Jing's here!

QUIET, YOU!!

Meh?

SHUT UP!

Look Jing — I don thingk there'sz anything happenin' in this boat, do you? Lessz jist--

HIC

HIC

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J...JING. DO YOU SMELL WHAT I--

I THOUGHT SO... LET'S CHECK IT OUT!!

...A COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL GAMBLING BOAT RUNS ALONG THIS SHORE...

RUMOR AROUND THE CITY OF THIEVES HAD IT THAT...

Phyooo.

IT CER-TAINLY IS TACKY ENOUGH IN HERE.

HEYY - WHAT'D YOU MEAN... "I THOUGHT SO?"

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IN FACT - TO BE PRECISE - THIS ENTIRE BOAT IS ONE--BIG--

YUP!

G... GAMBLING?

That's a sin and a crime.

WAAAAAAA

GRAPPA

NORTE CALON

ROOLETTE

TOM & JERRY

NO CHEAT!!

GUIDE BOARD

FOR SUICIDE

FOOD SELF SERVICE

CASINO !!

WELCOME TO MORTE CALON!!

O God, why did you give to man
The crushing burden of Desire?
The answer's clear – to give life breath.
Without, man would not eat nor sleep
Nor realize his hopes and schemes
Worse than in shame
He would die without dreams.

Tonight, I beg Desire be loosed
From judgments made in years gone past
Tonight, in this casino's dark
Be merry, light, and free to bask
In luscious, quiv'ring opulence
And let Want offer no defense
For surely God, who made Desire,
Will share a smile with Destiny
And as for you, my dear, you'll taste
A bliss no less than ecstasy.

(Grappa's Invitation – Morte Calon Entrance)

3rd SHOT - The King of Bandits' Test

TOM &

NO

GU

LET'S

Morte Calon

A...
CASINO?!

Grrr...

YUP... MY GUESS IS THAT THE PHANTOM SHIP WAS NOTHING MORE THAN CAMOUFLAGE TO KEEP THE POLICE AWAY.

AND IT WORKED... ESPECIALLY ON YOUR FATHER, DIDN'T IT?

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GRAPPA

MONTE CALON

TOM

I CALL.

WELL, MONEY IS A CASINO'S RAISON D'ÊTRE.

WHOA—I'VE NEVER SEEN CASH LIKE THIS IN MY LIFE!

MUCHAS GRACIAS, SEÑOR!

WELCOME TO CALON'S CASINO, BOYS!!

EEEEPPP

I'M GRAPPA - OWNER OF THIS ESTABLISHMENT.

AHH... LOOK AT ALL THE RESTLESS SOULS WHO'VE KEPT US IN BUSINESS FOR ALL THESE YEARS! THEY'VE GOT A LOT TO BE PROUD OF, DON'T YOU THINK?

PLEASE, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME... IN *WHATEVER WAY* YOU WISH.

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE PROPERTY... WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND TAKE A LOAD OFF?

JANGLE

RIGHT, JING, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH AND TAKE THE TREASURE. ONLY YOU BETTER NOT SKIP OUT WITH IT!

Me, on the other hand...

NOW THAT'S A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER IF I'VE EVER SEEN - JING?

モ・モ・ガ・ガ・ガ

Meh?

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING?!!!!

THAT AND I'M STARVING.

CRUNCH

MAN'S GOTTA EAT BEFORE A BIG JOB LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

HEY, I DIDN'T COME HERE TO GET ARRESTED... I CAME HERE TO GET LOOOADDDEED...

Yikes.

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CRUNCH

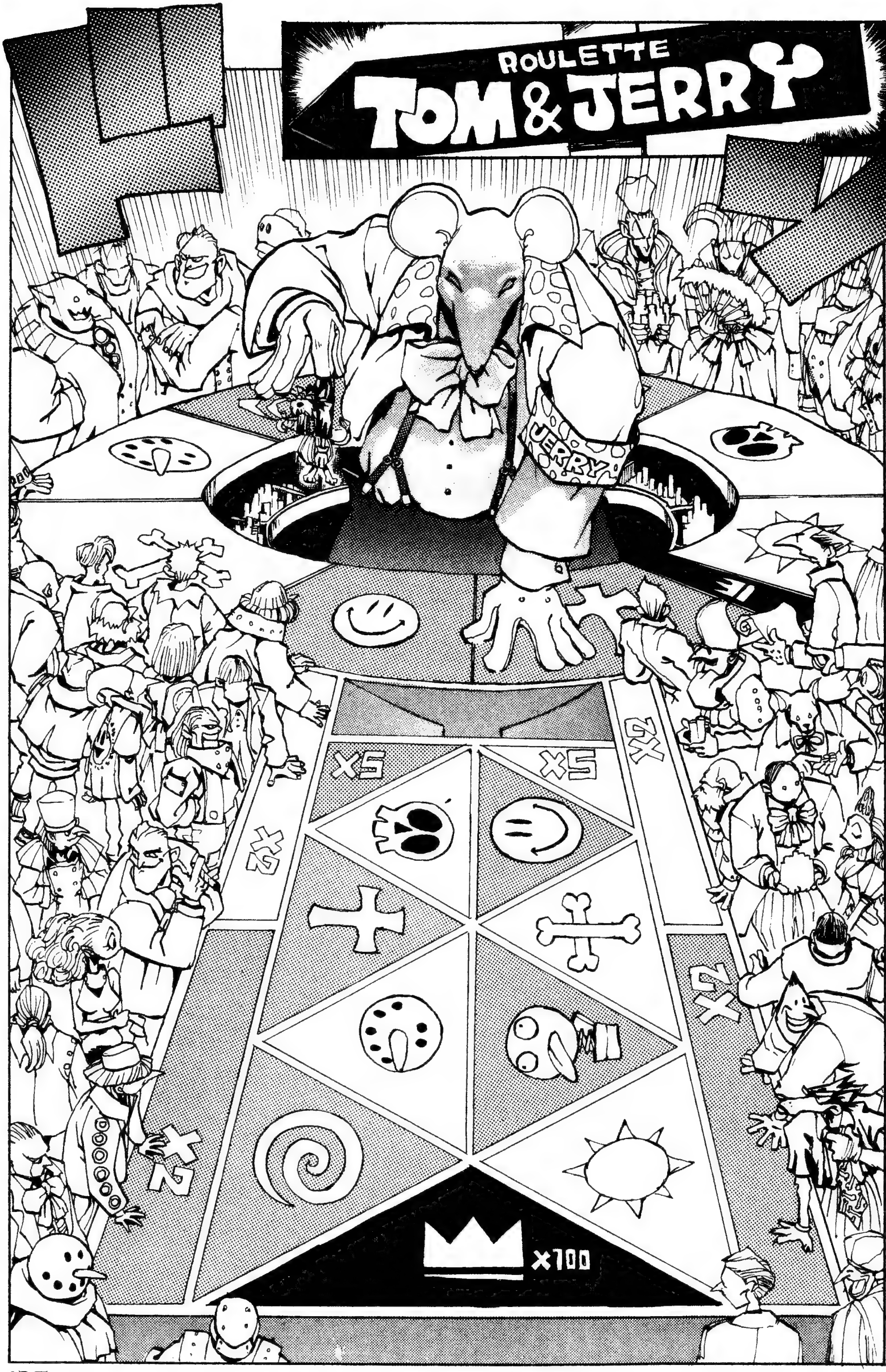
POACHING

SEE? THAT'S THE KIND OF ATTITUDE THAT'S GOING TO GET YOU ARRESTED...

ALCOHOL

GRAP

ROULETTE TOM & JERRY



Come one, come all, to see on which mark this pitiful old dotard will land...

... when he runs out of breath!!

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TOM & JERRY

WHOA

Alright, Master Tom... it's time to start running!

See you next FALL!

CHKUN

JERRY

ME-OW!

Exhale Inhale

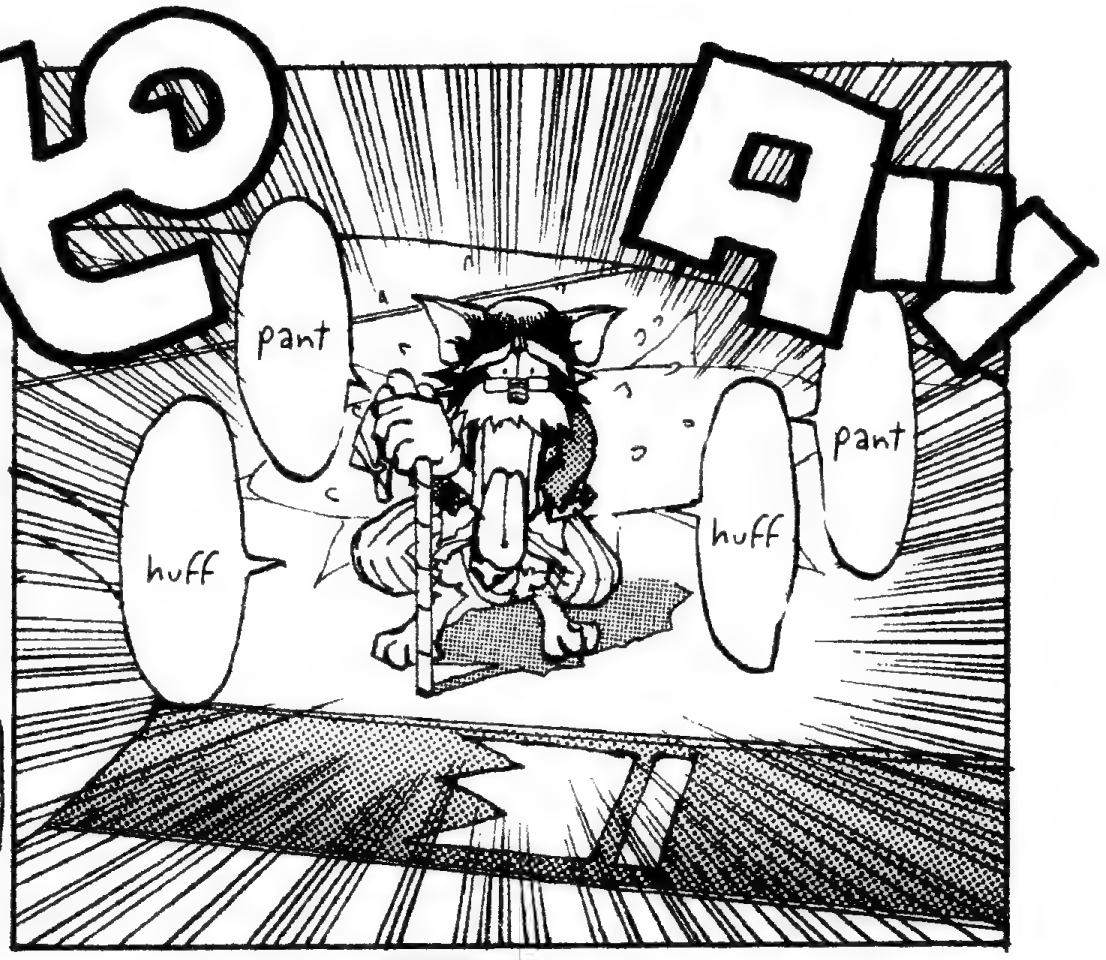
Inhale

Exhale

huff-huff

pant-pant

SOOOO CLOSE!
AA AA AH.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huff
huff
pant

THE CROWN?!!
WHAAAAAAAAAAT?!!!
So round...
So soft...
JERR

GAN

THAT'S FOR CRIMINAL MAN-HANDLING!

LET THE GAMES CONTINUE ...

AAAH!

OOOH!

ZA AA

HEEEERRE'S SECONDS!!

NO WA

HOLY

ROYAL FLUSH!!

HAAAAAAAAA

GRIN

CLOSED

CLOSED

CLOSED

THAT'S THE LAST OF 'EM!!!

JACKPOT!!

TOLD YOU SO.

HE'S ALMOST ... TOO GOOD.

RON!!!*

*RON: One of several calls you can make with a winning hand in Mah Jong.

HOW'S THE WATER?

WOOOO!

A NICE, REFRESHING GOLD BATH!!!!

AAAAAAAAH...

GASHAKA

GARU

SO MUCH MONEY FOR SUCH SMALL POCKETS... EH?

IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD... A KID SHOULD BE A KID.

SCHOK!

OR... WHY DON'T WE PLAY A LITTLE GAME OF SOLDIERS?

SO, WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND PLAY WITH SOME MARBLES ...

YOU ARE GROUNDED, LITTLE MAN.

?

BINGO.

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SHUUUUU.

AHHH... COOL BREEZE... SOMEONE TURN ON THE AIR?

?

WAIT, HE'S... NOT DEAD?

Rosé

N-NOT EVEN A LITTLE TUMMY-ACHE?

MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY!!

KIIIIRRRR ROYAL E!!

ZOVA

OOHEHEHEHE...

ZOVAVAVAVIA

UWAH!

COUGH

J-JING! THROAT'S GETTIN'... WORN OUT... CAN'T SHOOT... NO MORE...

HACK

WHEEZE

OOPSIE! TIME TO DIE!!

GHAAA AAAA

UGGHH.

WAIT... HOW DID THAT...?

WHOA - HE'S CRUMBLING!!

GLEAM

WHILE FIGHTING, I NOTICED THE HEAD OF THE GOLD COIN HE WAS HOLDING SPARKLE ODDLY... SO, I AIMED FOR THAT.

... IT'S MONEY.

...WHAT'S CONTROLLING THIS PLACE ISN'T MONSTERS...

THEN...

GA-SHI

...MONEY PLAYS WITH THE PEOPLE!!

EXACTLY. IN THIS CASINO, THE PEOPLE DON'T PLAY WITH MONEY...

BASHI

I'M ALL BUSINESS! TO ME, NOTHING IS SACRED... NOT EVEN YOUR LIIIVVVES!

ZUGGOOOO...-NNN...

THAT'S WHAT THIS PLACE **REALLY** LOOKS LIKE...

H-HEY... W-WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN BAD TASTE IN INTERIOR DESIGN?!

...FOR RUNNING DOWN THE ONLY CASINO THAT TRULY LIVES UP TO ITS MISSION OF BEING A WINNER, EVERY TIME!!

WELL, BOY. CAN'T SAY I FORGIVE YOU...

ZUSHIIN...

ピキピキ
ピキ
PACK!!
MONEY...!

DON'T MOVE, ROSÉ!!

!?

SNOOORRRRRRTTT

UGGHH... MAKING DONATIONS IS SOOOO EXHAUSTING... EVEN IF THEY ARE FOR THE GREATER GOOD!

AND SINCE I'VE BEEN SOOO GENEROUS... IT'S PAYBACK TIME!!

I'M A HIGH ROLLER. I'VE NEVER EVEN BROKEN A HUNDRED...

YOU RUDE, RECKLESS, UNREASONABLE BOY!

IN THAT CASE, I HOPE YOU ACCEPT SMALL CHANGE!!

BUT I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO BREAK YOU!!

!!!

OOOF!!

OW

OW OW

BU

!!?

...CHEAP

...LITTLE

...CROOK!

WHY YOU...

TAII AII

SWOOSH

JNP

CHOMP

ZUGAN

DANG!

SHNK

...I'LL SHRED HIM TO PIECES!!

ALL RIGHT! AT THIS RATE ...

AH, BUT IS IT WORTH IT, BOY? EVEN IF YOU DO SHRED ME TO PIECES...

...I WON'T DIE. I CAN'T DIE.

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MMMMMMM... YOU SEE, BOY? I'M FILLED TO THE BRIM WITH POWWEERR!!

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AS WE SPEAK, I FEEL THEIR DESIRES, THICK AS SPLIT PEA SOUP, POURING INTO ME!!

ドーン

WHA-- ??!!

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G...

...GOLD COIN BUGS...?!

"BINGO," MY BOY! HUMANS ARE MADE OF DESIRE... AND AS LONG AS HUMANS HAVE LIVED, THEY'VE USED MONEY TO SYMBOLIZE THE FULFILLMENT OF THAT DESIRE

DO THEY ...

YECCHH

...HOLD ONE OF THESE "DESIRE" FEASTS EVERY NIGHT?!

YES! YOU ARE MY PUPPET, CONTROLLED BY A STRING NAMED DESIRE!!

BUT NOW, THE TABLES HAVE TURNED... AND MONEY IS USING HUMANS! WE'VE BEEN THE SPORT OF DESIRE LONG ENOUGH... NOW YOUR DESIRE IS OUR SPORT!!

WHAT THE?!!

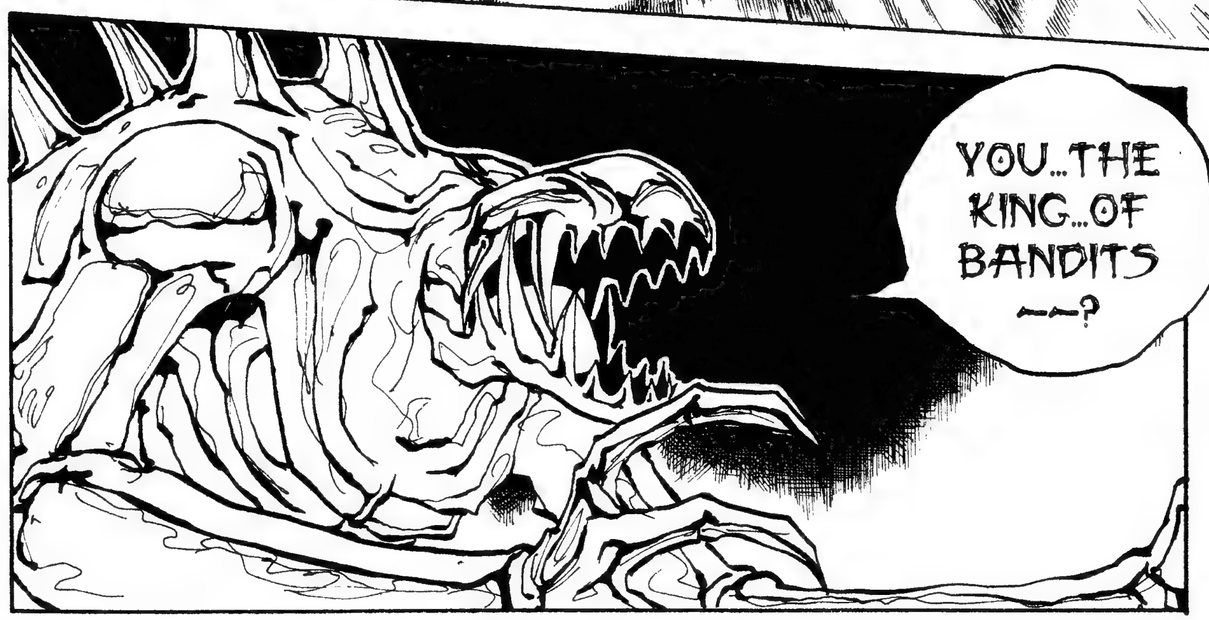
W-

I SEE... HUMANS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN DESIRE, HUH?

THEN WHAT WOULD YOU CALL THAT AMAZING HUMAN THAT CAN ACTUALLY CONTROL HIS HANDS, HIS FEET...

...AND EVEN HIS DESIRE? SURELY THIS COULD BE NO ORDINARY HUMAN. WHO ELSE, THEN, BUT...

...THE KING OF BANDITS!!!!



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WHOA--- WHOA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!!

MONEY

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D-

MONEY

DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S WRONG TO COVET?!

L... LET GO! STOP!!!

MONEY

S-S- STOP!!

YEAH. YOU'RE OKAY.

NOOOOOOO

HOW'S YOUR THROAT, KIR?

YOU WANT A VICTORY MARCH OR A JAZZ STANDARD?

キャアアアア
ヤラレル
EH, THEY'RE NOT MUCH, BUT THEY'LL DO AS A RAIN SHELTER

ALL THAT PENT-UP PSYCHIC ENERGY MUST HAVE OVERFLOWED ALL AT ONCE...

What a big gold coin...

YOU'VE STOLEN... MY GREATEST... "DESIRE." NO LESS THAN I'D EXPECT...

...FROM THE KING... OF BANDITS...

UGH HH...

ALL RIGHT, EVERYONE HAD A GOOD CRY? THEN LET'S GET THIS LOOT TO THE SHORE!

SU

ARE YOU GONNA ARREST ME?

HM ?

SO, ROSÉ... I GUESS THIS IS THE MOMENT OF TRUTH. I STOLE ALL OF THIS, LIKE THE THIEF I AM.

ZAAAAAAAAAAAAAA... NNN...

ZAZAAAAA... NN...

GYYI... GYI...

I SENTENCE YOU - TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

KISS KISSING KISS

WATCH IT, JING. SHE'LL SUCK OUT YOUR SOUL.

?

HEY, ROSÉ - OVER THERE!

ROSÉ!

ROSÉ!

PAPA ...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

ZABA ZAB

C'MON, KIR. IF WE LEAVE NOW...

...WE JUST MIGHT CATCH THE MAJESTIC FUNERAL...

...OF THE WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE CORPSE!!!

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(Adonis Time Law, Chapter 1, Article 2)

No Time For Adonis

4th SHOT - In the City of Time

JUNGLE BATH
TINKLE
BING-
OOOO.
HOH-
HOH.
AHHH...
NOTHING
QUITE
LIKE A HOT
BATH IN THE
MIDDLE
OF THE
JUNGLE...

YEAH... AND NOTHING QUITE AS EMPTY AS A HOT TUB WITHOUT WOMEN...

THAT'S SOCRATES TALKIN', KIDDO. (AH, OUZO...)

ADONIS, EH?

YOU DID SAY YOU WERE HEADING TO ADONIS, YES?

IF WE HEAD DOWN THAT WAY, WE SHOULD REACH ADONIS SOON... KIR?

THAT'S RIGHT, BUDDY. WHAT'S IT TO YA?

WE WALK THE ENTIRE FOREST AND NOT ONE FEMALE FOX SHOWS UP... IN SPITE OF THIS FOREST BEING HUGE.

I WANT TO TRY OUT A DELICACY THERE...

... KNOWN AS THE CLOCKWORK GRAPE!

TRUE DAT.

GIVE IT UP, BOY. IF THERE'S ONE TOWN YOU SHOULD SKIP IN YOUR JOURNEYS, IT'S THAT ONE!

WHY'S THAT?

...TO EAT EVEN ONE WOULD BE SUICIDAL! ONE WOULD BE BETTER OFF EATING A POISONOUS MUSHROOM.

AS FOR THOSE GRAPES...

...AND TIME WON'T SPARE YOU A MOMENT TO SCREAM. AS FOR THE GRAPES, IN EACH ONE'S CENTER LIES A TERRIBLE--

ALL THOSE WHO ENTER ARE BOUND, GAGGED AND THROTTLED BY TIME ITSELF...

WHY'S THAT... WHY'S THAT, HE SAYS. LISTEN, BOY, THAT TOWN IS CONTROLLED BY A SINISTER FELLOW NAME OF MASTERGEAR.

WELL, ANYWEE... FER YER OWN GOOD, YE'D BEST STAY FAR AFIELD OF ADONIS...EEH?

OH. WELL, IF THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY, I'M ALREADY FULLY AWARE OF IT!

GASA..

GASA..

THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO GO THERE...

TICK TACK..
TICK TACK..

TICK TACK..
TICK TACK..

TICK TACK..
TICK TACK.

SCREW DRIVER
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SHOOP

FUGGIT ABOUT IT, JING. I'LL JUST FLY OVER THE WALL!

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE...

TICK TACK..

TICK TACK..

HEY! OPEN UUUUUP.

TICK TACK..

ACK

WAAAAAH!!

WHAT'S UP, KIR? NO STAMPS?

...
EXCEPT THAT THE CITY DOES NOT ADMIT SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS LIKE YOURSELVES... EVEN FOR POINT-ONE SECOND.

WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU THAT VISITING HOURS ENDED 2 HOURS, 37 MINUTES AND 29 SECONDS AGO... WE WOULD ASK YOU TO COME BACK LATER...

ONE GLANCE BETRAYS YOUR LINGERING SUSPICIOUS-NESS.

YOU GUYS ARE 1000% MORE SUSPICIOUS.

WHEREAS I'M 1000% DELICIOUS.

HUH?

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WAHAHAHA! MORE TO YOUR LIKING, VAGABOND?!!

THEN, BY ALL MEANS, ENTER!

WHAT?!

DON'T MIND US!

YABBA DABBA DOO!!

WHAT?! HOW DID THEY--?!

C'MON KIR-- LET'S LEAVE THEM TO THEIR JUMP ROPE AND GET OUT OF HERE.

YOU CAN HAVE YOUR DUMB GRAPES, BUT I WANT A COLD BEER

SUCH TIMING!

NOT EVEN THE PRECISION-ACCURATE ADONIS TIME-CLOCK...

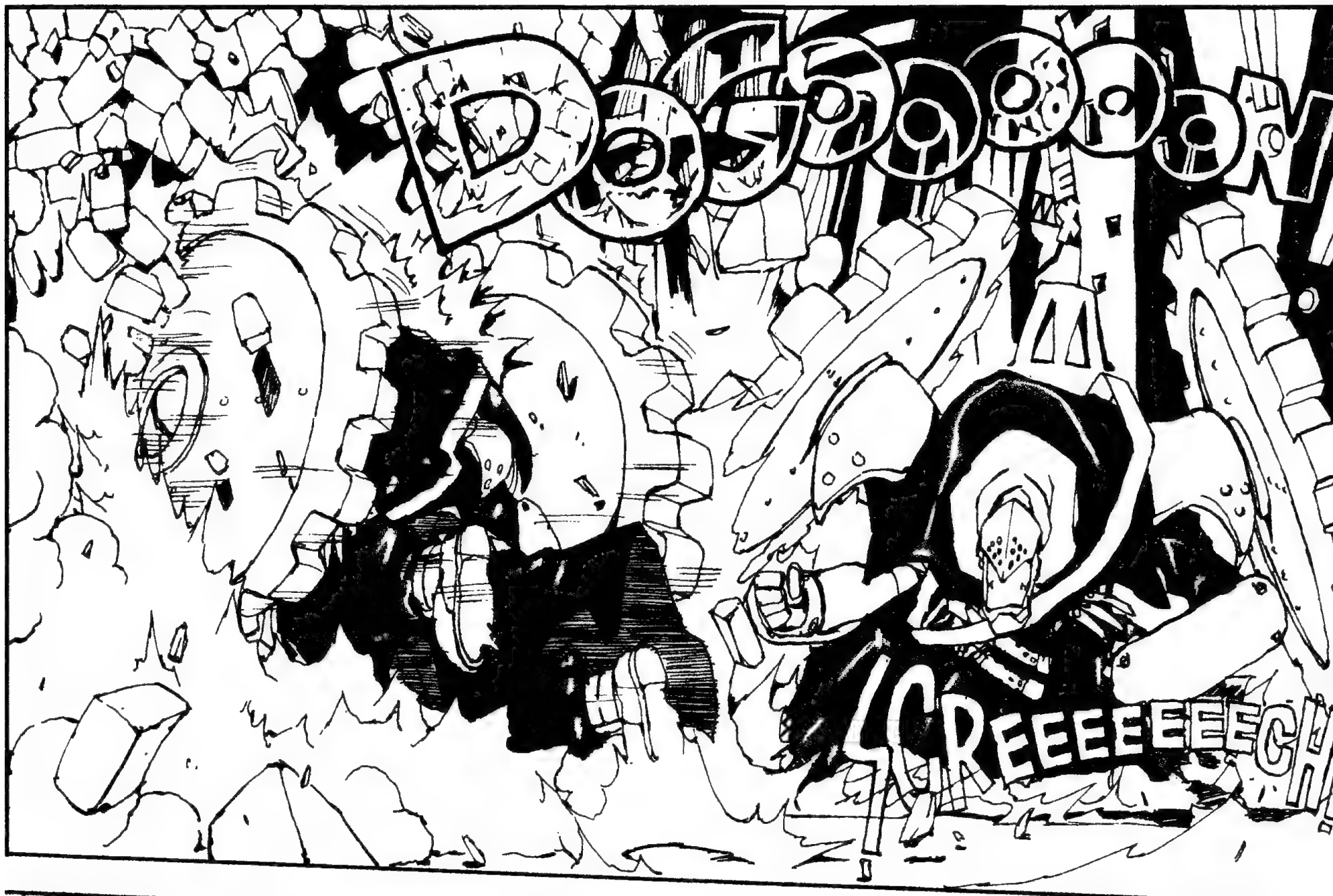
GAN!

I GIVE HIM 5 SECONDS !!!!

NO, HE'LL BE FINISHED IN 3.

!?

EH?!


SCREEEEEEEEECH!

J-JING!
TEN
O' CLOCK!

UNDERFOOT!
COME AND
GET ME!

OVERHEAD
!

RIGHT ON SCHEDULE.

ZUSHAAAAAAA

YEAH-- IN SECONDS !

HE'S SCALING IT!

He sure keeps on ticking, doesn't he?

Heh...

Yikes!

WOOAAAH...

WHOA--

SWOOP

CLANK CLANK

WATCH MAKERS

C'MON, KIR.

KIR ROYALE!!

whiz!!

HA! YOU MISSED !!

JING--

--UH, JING?!!

I'LL HAVE YOUR BLOOD!

MY GEARS COULD USE SOME LUBRICATION!

DID YOU - DID YOU SPREAD MY SPROCKET HOLES?

Guess I answered my own question there...

SHUUUU...

WHA--?!

SEE THIS BEAK? IT'S GONNA PUNCH A HOLE IN YOUR HEAD!

HEY!

WHY YOU--!

HYAAAIIEE...

M... MY COG-WHEEEEEEEEELS.

...THAT TOWER, THERE.

INSIDE...

HELLO, WHAT'S THAT DOWN THERE?

?

WONDER IF THE GRAPES ARE RIPE?

TIMEX
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ザワ
IT'S CITIZEN 1,804...
...SHE WAS LATE JUST NOW... BECAUSE SHE WAS HELPING SOMEONE ELSE.

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THE BIG CROWD?

A SYNCHRONIZED TOWN MEETING? You're all on the clock, I've noticed.

JAZ

IT'S A PUBLIC EXECUTION.

SCREEE

SCREEE

EXECUTION ??!!!!

SWING...

SWING...

KU...

KU...

EXECUTIONER! BE CAREFUL TO NOT CUT OFF MY BRAIDS.

YOU SEE, MASTERGEAR DIDN'T TELL YOU TO CUT OFF MY BRAIDS...

W...WHY?!! IS IT A CRIME TO BE THAT BEAUTIFUL?!!

OH!! MY GOD!!!

SHE WAS LATE TO MASTERGEAR'S ASSEMBLY... AND THAT'S A FIRST-DEGREE OFFENSE!

TARTINESS? LOOKS LIKE A MODEST GIRL TO ME.

NICE TRY, BIRD. SHE COMMITTED A TARDINESS CRIME!!

HE TOLD YOU TO CUT OFF MY HEAD.

ACK!

YOU HAVE A SHARP TONGUE, GIRL. PERHAPS I'LL SLICE IT OFF FIRST.

HMPH.

...THAT TARDINESS

...SO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME ...

Wha--! Wha't're you doing?!!

IS A FELONY HERE?

IT'D BE A REAL HEAVY CRIME TO LAY A FINGER ON THIS PIECE OF WORK!!

CRAAAAAAAAAASH!!

UUAGGH!

HEH HEH

JA

ZAZZ

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO STICK AROUND FOR JOKES NOT EVEN FOR POINT-ONE SECOND

...

!!?

GRRRRR

IT'S... IT'S MASTER-GEAR....

ALREADY, YOU HAVE CAUSED GREAT INCONVEN-IENCE.

TIME IS MONEY.

AND YOUR CRIME IS TOO EXPENSIVE.

AS FOR THE BIRD'S OWNER-- GUILTY BY ASSOCIATION !!
OH YEAH?
THINK
...THIS IS BAD. ONE MORE OF THOSE GEARS AND I WOULD'VE BEEN DONE FOR.
UH-OH ...

IN FACT, I'D ESTIMATE YOUR DOOM TO FALL IN APPROXIMATELY ONE POINT ZERO--

YOU'RE NOT LONG FOR THE GRAVE, OWNER... TICK TOCK, TICK TOCK.

NUCHA

HEY, GOBLIN KING... I'M THE OWNER HERE.

CASIO

ALBA

I JUST KEEP THE BRAT AROUND FOR ODD JOBS.

LET'S GO!!!

ALL RIGHT THEN, MASTER KIR...

KIIIIIR ROYALE!

LETS GET TICKING.

THIS GAME APPEARS TO BE WORTHY OF MY TIME.

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.

I DON'T KNOW, JING, BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME WE SHOULD FINISH THIS OFF QUICKLY.

SHERRY!!!

CHOOO

KIIIIIR ROYALE!

DOOMMM

HYA!

K... KIR ROYALE... VAPOR... IZED...?

GASP

KONK

DoGoooooNNN

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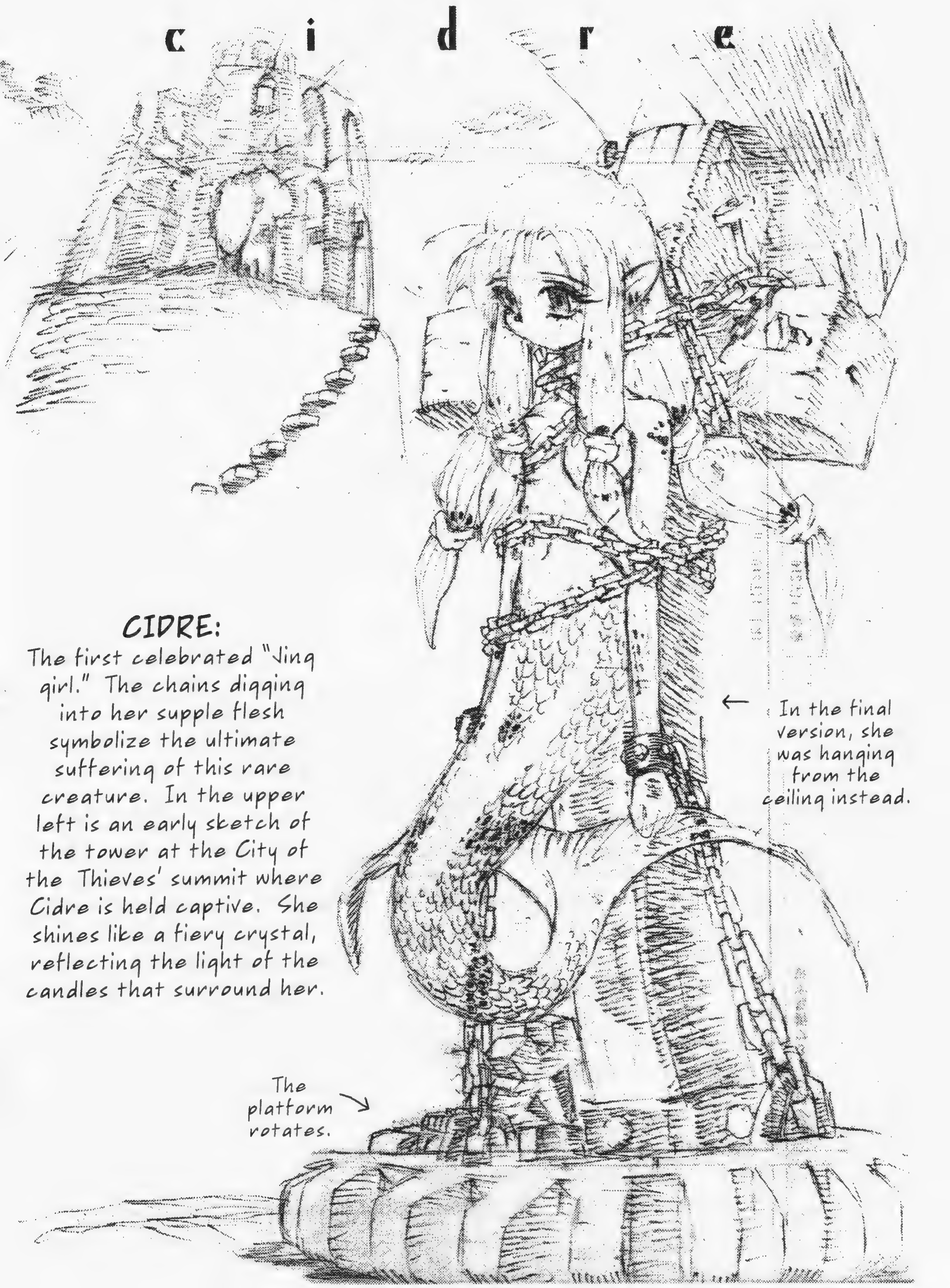
JING: KING OF BANDITS
Early Design Collection



CIDRE:

The first celebrated "Jing girl." The chains digging into her supple flesh symbolize the ultimate suffering of this rare creature. In the upper left is an early sketch of the tower at the City of the Thieves' summit where Cidre is held captive. She shines like a fiery crystal, reflecting the light of the candles that surround her.

COGNAC:

My original design for the mayor of the City of Thieves. At the stage when this sketch was drawn, I felt he should be a cunning character, rather than arrogant. His outfit has a more ethnic feel than the final design which makes a considerably different impression.

THE PHANTOM SHIP:

A sketch I drew before penciling "The Mystery of the Phantom Ship." The little details here helped set the tone for the finished story- notice the lucky 7 skulls and the skeletons hanging from the prow. Sorry the picture quality is so bad. This is the best we could do with the sketch we had.

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ROSÉ:

A feisty police officer who ends up stealing a kiss from Jing. The design for her gun and clothing has changed considably over time. I shifted her costume from the style on these pages to include a breast-plate and a revolver with an angel-shaped firing hammer.

HYAKUME-A:
An earlier version, this one has a bit of an Inca-ish feel. The perfectly round eyeballs aren't as scary as the final version. The large round fingernails and toe-nails are different, too.

HYAKUME-B:
This is much closer to the final version of the 100-eyed creature. There's just something charming about diamond-shaped eyeballs.

TITLE LOGO:

Logo ideas drawn around the time I started working on Jing. The original design had a silhouette of the town within the letters, but after getting feedback that it was too visually complicated, I eliminated the buildings and just had windows on the type. For the New Edition that the English version is based on I redid the logo in a simpler, more elegant style.

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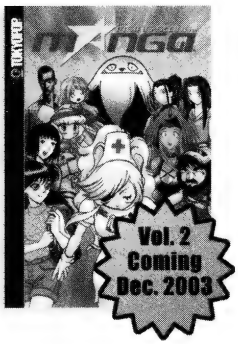

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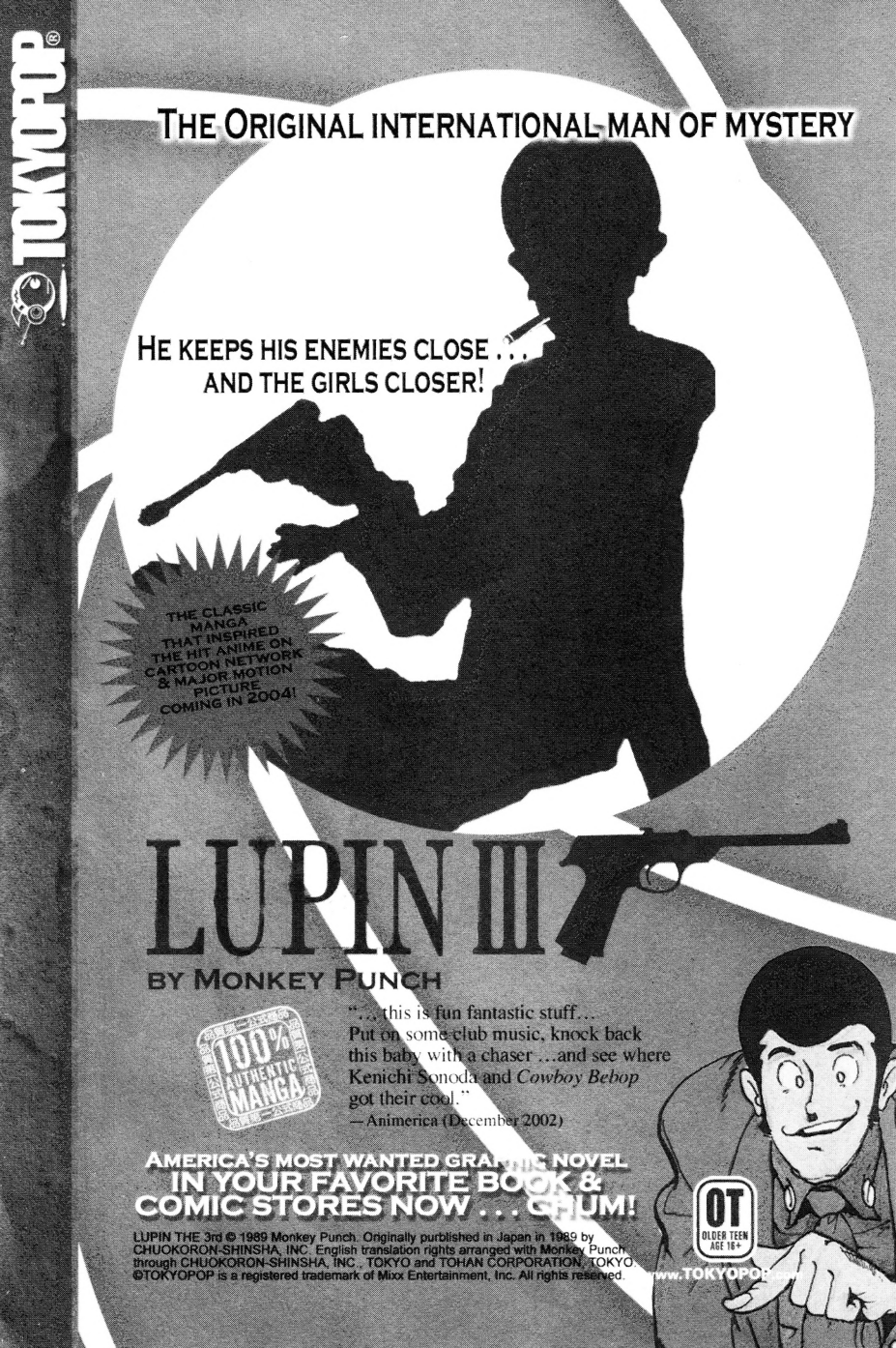
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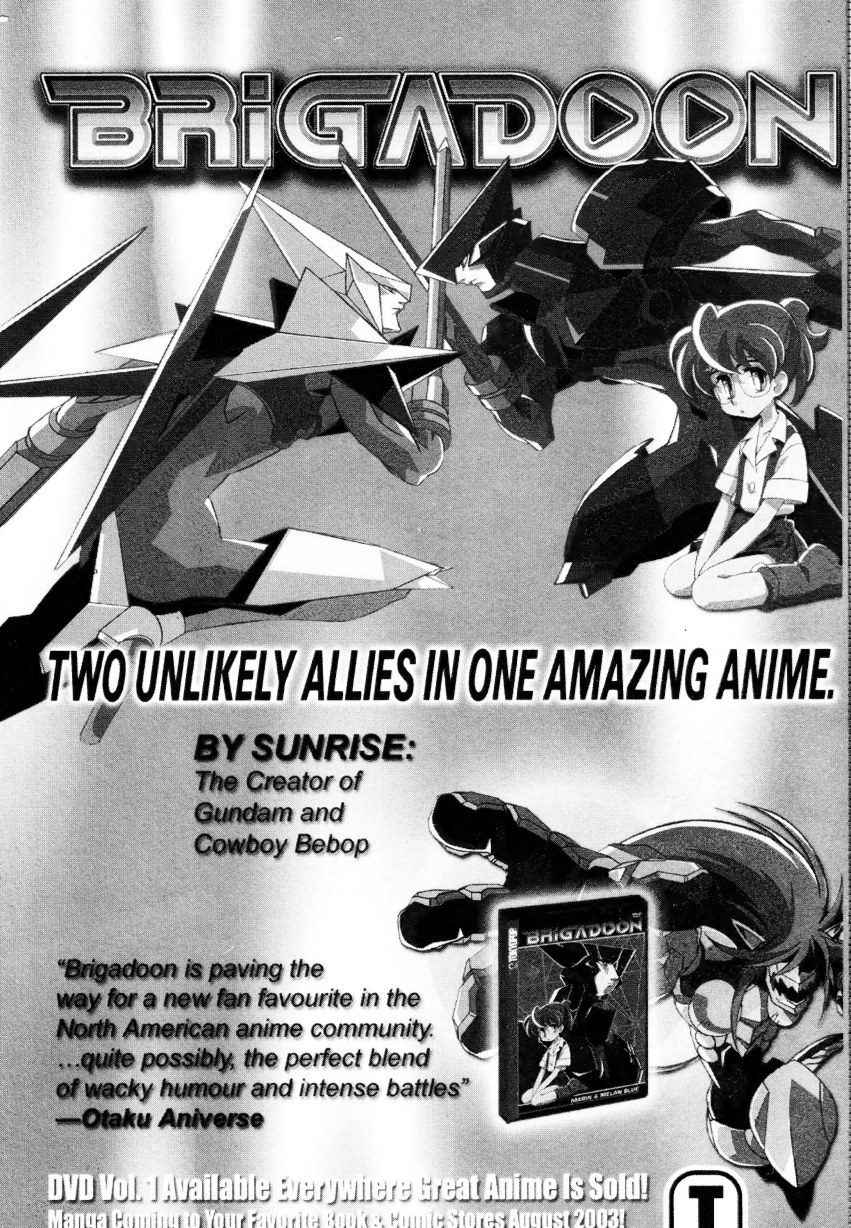

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